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Roofing The Right Way: A Step-by-step Guide For The Homeowner



Synopsis

If you're one of the 23 million families in America whose homes are more than 50 years old, this is definitely a must read... gives you a complete rundown of what to look for when inspecting your roof, what materials are available-there are lots of new ones-and how to do the job yourself... There are plenty of good black-and-white photos and diagrams to help you understand the techniques of installing a roof. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This book answers in words and pictures many of the questions that homeowners ask when they attempt to re-roof. While some of the metal details are incorrect (contrary to the authors comments) they still will keep the homeowner out of trouble. The book won't replace a competent contractor but sure comes close for the do-it-yourselfer determined to roof his/her home. A recommended read.

Because to date 25 of 26 people found misleading comments submitted by a "reader from upstate New York" to be "helpful," I would like to respond. I assure you that the upstate New York reader's comments are completely without merit. Apparently, this individual never actually took the time to read my book. No text, caption, or illustration in my book promotes "poor roofing techniques" or "directs you to flash with roofing cement." My book describes accepted roofing-industry practices and proven techniques. Such standard industry practices includes the appropriate, limited application of roofing cement to enhance the weatherproofing of metal or other roof-surface flashings. For unbiased comments about my book, please see the many posted editorial reviews

from sources such as the New York Times, Washington Post, and Midwest Book Review.

Pluses: lots of good, current how-to information with plenty of photos/illustrations. Minuses: photos are black and white--they should be color at this price, and would be a lot easier to understand with the extra information color provides. Should be more consideration of *why* one might use a particular material or technique, instead it covers mostly the *hows*. The presentation is rather dry--the opposite end of the spectrum from the ...For Dummies books. A larger format would help make the photos and diagrams easier to follow

This book is loaded with helpful pictures to assist any DIY with a roofing project. I gave it only 4 stars because the BUR section is too brief with no cold app section and the use of cap nails is pictured but not in text for BUR. The book was still helpful in many areas that are part of BUR. If you are doing shingles, buy this book. If you are doing BUR, buy this book and consult your manufacturer's website and technical division for installation instructions and questions.

This book lives up to its name. I am a contractor and I found it informative, thorough, well written and easy to understand. If this book got into the business end of things more-so it would be perfect. This book is what it claims though and that is important. Worth the money

This book has much info on traditional roofing methods, but if you want useful, up to date info on applying metal roofing, forget it! In this whole book, there are only a handful of pages dedicated to metal roofing(and even they appear outdated). I was very disappointed ...had nothing useful on metal roofing!

Like many roof texts, this one is helpful if you are installing plain 3-tab shingles to a simple gable roof with maybe a valley and a dormer. If you have a hip roof or hip roof section, or if you are installing shingles other than a plain 3-tab type, this text won't help you much. I'm a chronically addicted do-it-yourselfer for everything. I learn everything by gathering multiple texts on a subject: electronics, mechanics, carpentry, among others ... and now roofing. I think that no single textbook tells you all you need to know about anything so I have to recommend that you not rely on just one text for your roofing project. With that in mind, let me say that this text I'm reviewing titled "Roofing the Right Way" is helpful towards broadening your roofing knowledge base but it's not comprehensive enough to be your "bible." As another reviewer has said, this text feels, to me also, a

little dated. However, if you are installing plain 3-tab shingles or plain roll roofing to a simple gable roof, you might be able to rely on this text alone. Not many of us fall into that category, however. If you are installing dimensional shingles on a hip roof, you'll definitely need other texts besides this one.

This book does a decent job of explaining roofing to the novice. It covers all the basics of planning, tear-off, prep, and installation, including a variety of specific types of roofs and sections. It felt a bit dated to me as it has very limited coverage of laminated (architectural) shingles and use of power nailers. There is a greater amount of detail on hand-nailing and alternative traditional materials than you see in some other books. The pictures are all in black-and-white which makes it very hard to tell what is supposed to be conveyed. More drawings or color photos would make things easier, particularly given that some of the methods are complex and the descriptions aren't always written clearly. All-in-all this book is adequate to the task for most do-it-yourselfers, but may not be ideal depending on your specific project.

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