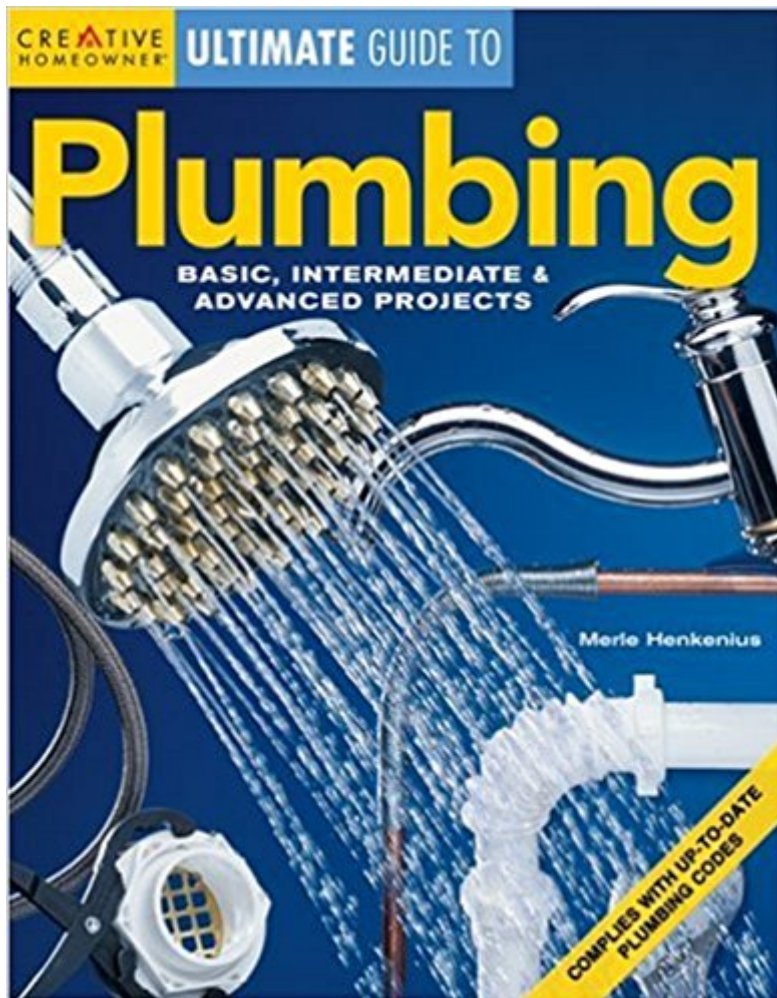




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Plumbing: Basic, Intermediate & Advanced Projects



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Plumbing: Basic, Intermediate, & Advanced Projects is a comprehensive how-to book that explains the plumbing system from start to finish. It prepares the reader to handle any plumbing task in the home. Readers find detailed background information from an expert in the field plus scores of how-to projects, including replacing a faucet washer, installing a water softener, and everything in-between. Readers learn not only how to plan and complete each project, but also how to spot and improve outdated or dangerous techniques and materials in their home's plumbing system. The author emphasizes doing things correctly, and all the projects use only code-compliant techniques.

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A home's plumbing system is generally "out of sight, out of mind" because it works reliably with little input or effort from the homeowner. When things finally do go wrong, however, the result is often an expensive, messy, and disruptive job. Henkenius, a master plumber and frequent contributor to Popular Mechanics magazine, has written a colorful title that is probably the best do-it-yourself guide to plumbing projects big and small. Nearly every plumbing scenario is addressed, from cleaning drains and replacing faucets to installing a bathtub and replacing pipes; the clear instructions are supplemented with excellent color illustrations and photos. A wealth of general plumbing information and definitions provides beginners with the background needed so they can evaluate their plumbing problem and not get in over their heads. The only thing better than owning this book would be to have Henkenius there to hold one's hand. An essential public library purchase. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"There are a lot of plumbing books out there but not all of them are good. This one is not only good, it's the best we've seen. Written and photographed by Merle Henkenius, a master plumber and longtime contributor to Popular Mechanics, this 270-page text covers everything from soup to nuts. The introductory sections on residential plumbing design, material specifications and tool use demystify much that's left to the imagination in other books. And the individual project chapters that cover the installation and repair of faucets, sinks, toilets, tubs, showers and much more are presented in exhaustive detail. The text is thorough and exceptionally literate, filled with unexpected insights at nearly every turn. The book has 700 photos and illustrations so you never have to wonder what an important part looks like or where it's located. If you want to do at least some of the plumbing work in your home yourself, we can't think of a better place to start.-Steve Wilson, Popular MechanicsSeptember 2002"...comprehensive..."--Jennings Daily News

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