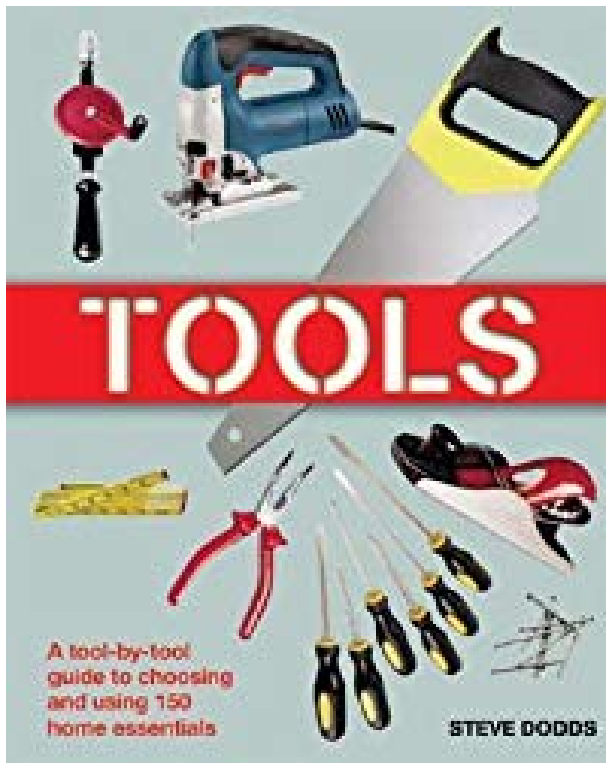


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A practical reference to 150 power and hand tools. Whether you have a job in mind and don't know where to start or simply want to feel more knowledgeable at the hardware store, Tools is the ultimate blueprint for getting equipped and getting started. This uncomplicated beginner's reference covers all the essentials.

Divided into three sections, the first covers where to find quality tools and what to look for to ensure years of reliable use. Valuable safety tips include how to avoid power tool accidents as well as guarding against toxins in treated wood, preventing electrical and chemical fires, and more. The second section outlines eight basic tool kits along with a list of tools for each: Home/apartment Kit House kit Plumbing kit Electrical kit Machine and metal kit Car kit Child's kit The third section is a guide to almost every common hand and power tool. Each page features a photograph of the tool accompanied by a concise, jargon-free explanation. Quick reference symbols identify the tool's relative cost, necessity, and skill level required to use it. The tools are organized and cross-referenced by task: measuring, cutting, making holes, holding and supporting work, shaping, driving and prying, fastening, sanding, and storage and protection. Helpful tips suggest alternative tools for a single job. There's also information for setting up and organizing a workshop that includes advice for lay-out, utilities, organizing tools and more. Tools is an essential reference and a must for every homeowner and crafter.