

Essential DIY Resources

**Your Guide to Finding The Best
Do-it-Yourself Tools,
Products and Materials**

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As you may know finding a resource to buy or research a particular tool, product or material can literally take hours of searching and much frustration. So after over 30 years in the building trades and unknown hours of searching for tools, products and materials I have decided to share this valuable resource list with you.

Now you can have access to the best resources for all you DIY needs, because it's all right here for you.

This list of Essential Do-it-Yourself Resources was based on the following criteria;

- » Best product
- » Best price
- » Best shipping cost
- » Best return policy
- » Best customer service

So stop your endless searching and use this valuable resource, and you too will succeed with speed.

If you're looking for something that isn't listed in the resource list, let me know and I'll do my best to find what you are looking for. I'll also update the list so that everyone can benefit from your request.

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APPLIANCES

These two sites offers manuals, diagrams, advise and parts for most appliances.

[Appliance 411](#)

[RepairClinic](#)

DIY HOW-TO'S

[How To Stain Concrete Floors](#) Just that. Easy to follow directions.

[How to Build a Deck](#) Also, just that. Great pictures and easy directions.

[Home Inspection Checklist](#) Doing a comprehensive home inspection is a top priority prior to buying any home. Don't buy a home without this document and a well qualified home inspector.

Remember, **buying a home is a business venture** and will affect you financially for many years to come. Don't end up with awful surprises because you didn't take the time to do a quality home inspection. Believe me, it's worth the time and COST!

[Squeeeeeek No More](#) With this DIY repair kit you can fix any squeaky floor or stair in minutes.

[DIY Pest Control](#) Control all types of pest with expert advise.

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DIY TOOLS

All of the sites below sell quality tools at great prices. When I need a tool I check all these sites for the best deal.

[Coastal Tool](#) Fantastic customer service and prices.

[Tools for Less](#) Great selection and prices.

[TOOLS PLUS](#) Great selection and sales.

[Toolup.com](#) Good site to check for sales.

[Craftsman Tools](#) For hand tools you can't beat Sears no questions asked, lifetime replacement guarantee, as it is the best in the business

GREEN DISHWASHER

[Casler Hardware](#) The best alternative to the dishwasher, just take a look. I've had one for years and love it!

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HEATING AND INSULATION

Noritz and Seisco are the top two brands of on demand/tankless water heaters. Seisco seems to be very popular and Noritz has the best quality. Check out both to see what's suits your particular needs.

[Noritz](#) The best tankless water heaters.

[Seisco](#) On demand water heaters.

[Tankless Water Heaters](#) Buyers guide and outlet for most types of heating. This is a very informative site.

[Panel Heater](#) The greatest little radiant heaters yet. They are only 24" square and 1/2" thick and mount on any wall. Check these out. They only cost pennies a day to operate. I own three.

[ENERGY STAR](#) Government guide to energy.

[Insulation 4 Less](#) The best factory direct radiant barrier insulation. For more information, my [insulation article](#).

[Duct work](#) Duct work for almost every application, heating, cooling, RVs, dryers, registers, clamps, sanitubes, flex tubing and more.

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LIGHTING

[LED wholesalers](#) If you need LED lights, they have what you need.

[12 Volt Mini Rope Light](#) Your complete source for bulbs, compact fluorescence, LEDs and rope light.

[Deck Lights Recessed Step Lights Patio Lighting](#) Great selection of outdoor lighting with great prices.

[Solatube](#) Solatube are the perfect alternative to skylights for providing more light into any room in the house, and cost substantially less.

[Mounts and More](#) If you need mounts for TVs or projector screens, OR video carts and cables, look no further, this is the place.

LUMBER

I use my local Home Depot and Lowes for most of my lumber needs. I do find that Lowes seems to have better quality dimensional lumber (2x4, 2x6s etc) than Home Depot, but Home Depot has a better selection of treated lumber.

And, other than lumber, I buy most other products and materials at Home Depot. So check out the differences between your stores and see what you find.

I know that many of you may only have your local lumber/hardware

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store to purchase materials so just be choosy when selecting your lumber. If they don't have a good selection today, ask when the next shipment will be arriving.

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DIY Tip: Buy Suntuf brand Polycarbonate roofing, as it won't yellow and is guaranteed for life.

OUTBUILDINGS AND SHEDS

[Steel Carports](#) This is a great site for ordering carports and RV ports in all sizes.

[Metal Building](#) If you're looking for a shop, garage, house or something else in a metal building these are the people to work with. They are very knowledgeable and professional and have great prices to boot. So check them out.

[The Betty Mills](#) Quality company with good customer service. Wood, steel and vinyl outdoor sheds of all types and sizes)(Lifetime is the best of all.

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REFERENCE INFO

[Staircase Calculator](#) A great tool for calculating just about any stair configuration.

[Simpson Connectors](#) All the hangers and hold downs you'll ever need for tying your project together.

[Stainless Steel Fabrication](#) A comprehensive information source for working with Stainless Steel.

[I.C.E. Block](#) Green, insulated concrete foundation building form system. This system is very easy to use and saves lots of time.

ROOFING MATERIALS

The type of roofing you need for your particular job will dictate where you purchase that type of roofing. Meaning, if you just need 3 tab asphalt shingles or corrugated poly roofing, you can usually find what you need at your local home center.

If you are shopping for metal, slate, composite or cedar roofing I recommend contacting your local roofing companies and ask them where they purchase their roofing materials.

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TILE AND FLOORING

[Lumber Liquidators](#) A great selection of discount, low cost flooring.

[Rugs Direct](#) Huge selection of great quality rugs of all sizes and types.

[Stratastone Tile](#) The source for natural pebble tile for the do-it-yourselfer.

TOOL ACCESSORIES

[McGills Saw blades](#) Best prices and selection on power saw blades and other accessories.

[Stanley 542047 Tool Box](#) The best DIY tool box ever! And only \$12. Read my [tool box review](#).

The Best DIY Socket and Wrench Set

[MI Tools](#) Metrinch is the best compact set of tools you'll ever own. And, once you own them you will sell all your other socket and wrench sets. So save time money and space with Metrinch. For more information, read my [product review](#).

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WATER FILTERS

[FILTERS-NOW](#) The source for all types of air, heppa, vacuum,whole house, range hood and specialty filters.

[Big Blue Water Filter System](#) Fantastic low cost water filtering systems that offer DIY friendly installation.

[Saniflo](#) Need a stand alone toilet? This is the one. Best quality and service.

WOOD HEAT

[Stove Pipe](#) An excellent selection of stove, chimney pipe and accessories.

[Discount Stove](#) Best outlet for all types of wood stoves, gas stoves, gas fireplaces, inserts and accessories. This site offer all the specs you need to make a informed decision.

As I said before, if you can't find what your looking for here, just go the DIYAnswerGuy.com and drop me an email. I'll do my best to find what you're looking for, as it is my only job to help you succeed with speed.

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