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I had to tear out an old, rotting window that had an old rotting air conditioner wedged into it. My fiancée and I decided to install a wider window in its place. Oh oh. That meant tearing out the stucco exterior and plaster interior to do so! I didn’t want to spend 1000 bucks (or more) to hire someone to do it and install a new window. I’ve never done any work like this before, and I didn’t know where to begin. So I looked into getting Home Depot to do it, but they would only replace existing windows with the exact same size window for a fee of 250 dollars on top of the price of the window. So that wasn’t going to work for us. I needed help! So I found this book on and decided to check it out at Home Depot, since they had the same book but for a little more. Well, since it was the only book that seemed to cover everything I needed to know, and I was running out of time, I decided to purchase it and put in the order for the window. Well, the window came and I got right at work at demolishing the old window and extending the opening for the new one. This book was GREAT! Although the book is only 300 pages, it gives you a good overview of what you need to do to get your project done. Once I started figuring out exactly what I needed to do, I could use this book as a reference on what to do to accomplish it. You see, this book does not really give you an "idiots guide" how to... it will not explain the little detail, like how to plaster a wall or how to miter cut trim for your window or door. You need to use it as a reference book and an overview of your project. You MUST read the book through and figure out what steps you need to take. For example, for me...

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