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Complete Flooring
Synopsis

This in-depth guide covers every type of residential flooring: laminates, tile, wood, engineered wood, stone, rugs, carpet, garage-tile systems, and polished concrete. More than 600 photos and 75+ illustrations. Tips on choosing the best flooring for different rooms and information on how comparing the types helps homeowners make decisions they'll be happy with. Complete step-by-step information on how to install, maintain, and repair each type of flooring helps homeowners evaluate the pros and cons of each type and decide whether their skills are sufficient. Instructions on how to finish or refinish wood floors show homeowners how to get professional results.

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Customer Reviews

I have to say of all the DIY books out there, the Stanley line is at the top of my list. I have been studying how-to-update a few items in my house, and am pretty new to the process, so after purchasing quite a few other "useless" literature for more money, Stanley has done a pretty good job in meeting my expectations. There are a lot of illustrations in color and the step-by-step instructions are outlined adequately. Please keep in mind it may not cover every single job in "Flooring" that you may be interested in, but helps minimize the "fear factor" for those of us that have no idea what we're doing (yet). I am honestly pleased with this purchase... unfortunately, I haven't started DIYing yet.
I like the Stanley "Complete" series of How-To books. I have six of them. Usually they are worth a five star rating. In this case, because of all the ground covered in 238 pages, it lacks the in-depth nitty gritty detail found in a book devoted solely to plumbing or wiring, for example. I bought this particular book to learn about installing hardwood flooring. No doubt about it, there was a very informative section from which I learned quite a bit. But not enough. I subsequently purchased "Hardwood Floors" by Don Bollinger which is of course about nothing other than installing these floors. There is a section on tile floors. Again very much worth reading, but if you’re going to lay tile, get the "Stanley Complete Tiling". Still, this is a book very much worth having.

Very detailed and well written with many labelled drawings and images (all of very high quality and utility) as well as many instances of practical hands-on things to look out for and mistakes to avoid. It also goes into the technical reasons behind things rather than just stating a bunch of forgettable rules and comments.

This book is great. Has A lot of helpful information and is very easy to understand. I would tell all my friends to get this book if they are doing a floor.

GOOD INFORMATION IN THIS BOOK BUT NOT AS DETAILED AS I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. PERHAPS BEST PURCHASED BY THOSE SEEKING A REFERENCE BOOK.

we removed the carpeting from three bedrooms in our house and decided to go with hardwood floors, this was a good book for reference

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