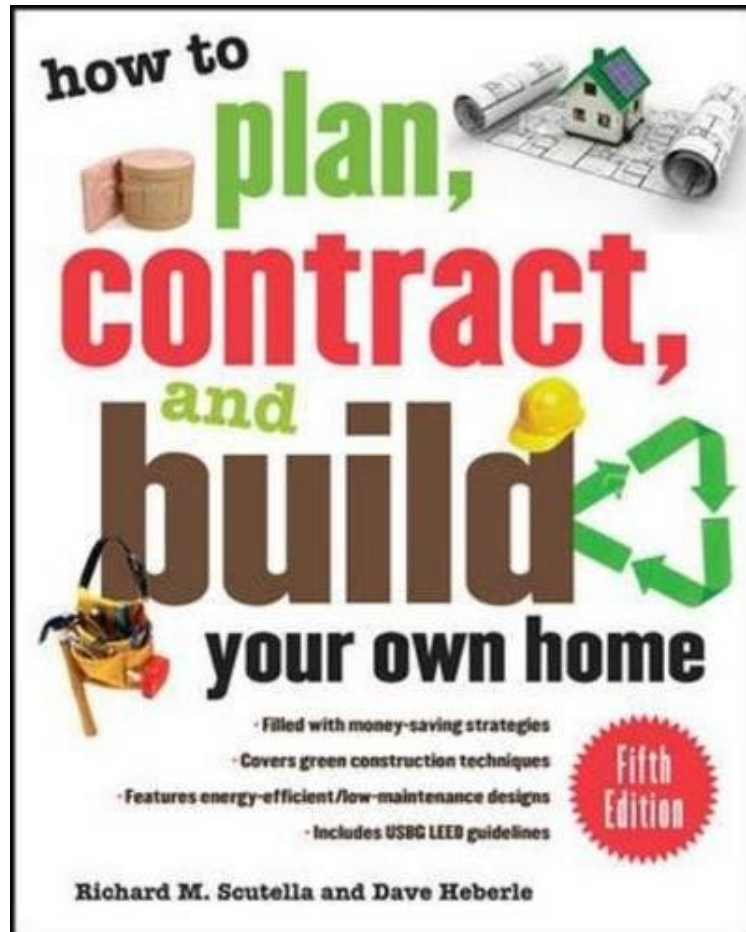


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13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Omissions in 4th ed. - Wrong back cover, editorialBy Jon R. R.First, it should be noted that the editorial review and back cover both note, "Know when you'll move in with a helpful calendar-style checklist" and "Select the right mortgage". Neither of those are covered, at least not in this 4th edition. I see the number of pages were reduced from 824 pages in the 3rd ed. to 791 in this edition. Part of the mystery may be that the index does have an entry that says, "moving in timeline, 783-803". Well, not only does it

NOT have 803 pages, the index is on pages 775 - 791! Finally, the back cover also says "Evaluate doing it yourself vs. subcontracting". This may be presented in a round-about way, but it really goes right into using a builder - never presenting the "do-it-yourself" versus contractor analysis. With that said, the book DOES provide a lot of great information. Every part of the building process seems to be covered. The pros/cons of the various construction methods (such as foundation types, wall construction, etc.) is very useful. The bottom line is this is a very good book that I would recommend for anyone building a home, but just keep in mind things noted in the editorial info, back cover, etc. are missing. I can't believe the editorial staff at McGraw-Hill were so negligent in this matter, and it makes me wonder what other inconsistencies can be found throughout the book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It covers everything.

By MR R KONG This book is great, it covers almost everything about building a house. But it is a little bit outdated, for example for the selecting contractor part. If the author could list a few websites that you can get your contractors that could be fairly helpful. Since nowadays, many contractors bit online for the projects. I guess, this would save a lot of time than asked real estate agents or go to material supplier to ask for contractors. Still, a great book to recommended.

PS. I would like to build my own home. And this book give me a lot of confidence.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars

By Don Higgins Good guide. Should add energy alternative section

The All-in-One Custom Homebuilders Guide--Fully Updated with the Latest Green Construction Methods How to Plan, Contract, and Build Your Own Home, fifth edition, gives you the information you need during every step of the homebuilding process--from selecting materials to designing the rooms to working with a contractor. Featuring practical, cost-effective ways of planning, designing, and building energy-efficient homes, the book presents money- and energy-saving options in every chapter. This thoroughly revised reference explains how you can implement many of the green construction strategies that make up the U.S. Green Building Council's award-winning Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines. Written by experienced instructors and builders, this is the most complete planning and homebuilding resource available. Learn how to:

- Select the building site that best suits your project
- Determine floor plans and types of construction, foundations, framing, and finishing
- Use energy-efficient electric, lighting, heating, cooling, and insulation
- Choose the best quality floors, wall coverings, fixtures, and appliances for your budget
- Integrate green construction systems, components, and materials throughout your home
- Include amenities such as decks, patios, gazebos, sidewalks, and driveways
- Find and work with an established, skilled, and reliable contractor

From the Back Cover Save and get more from your money Pick the perfect site Minimize maintenance cost and effort Maximize indoor and outdoor space There are countless reasons why building your own home makes good sense. But for most people, the chance to create the home they've always wanted is #1 on their list. And this all-in-one guide can help you every step of the way toward realizing your vision -- from hiring the right vendors to picking fixtures. Whether it's basic planning ("What's your move-in date?") or construction methods ("Wood or steel?"), this trusted reference, now fully updated to cover new materials, techniques, energy-saving options, and environmentally friendly technologies and methods, is the most complete source for homebuilders available. Written by experienced instructors and builders, and used by thousands of savvy buyers of custom and not-yet-built homes, How to Plan, Contract, and Build Your Own Home will help you:

- Select the right site and supervise its preparation
- Make wise decisions on floor plans, types of construction, framing, and foundations
- Plan for home office use, communications upgrades, "smart house" technology, and a home that will serve your needs throughout your life
- Choose the newest and most economical and efficient types of insulation, roofing, plumbing, wiring, and more
- Select amenities such as decks, patios, gazebos, sidewalks, and driveways

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