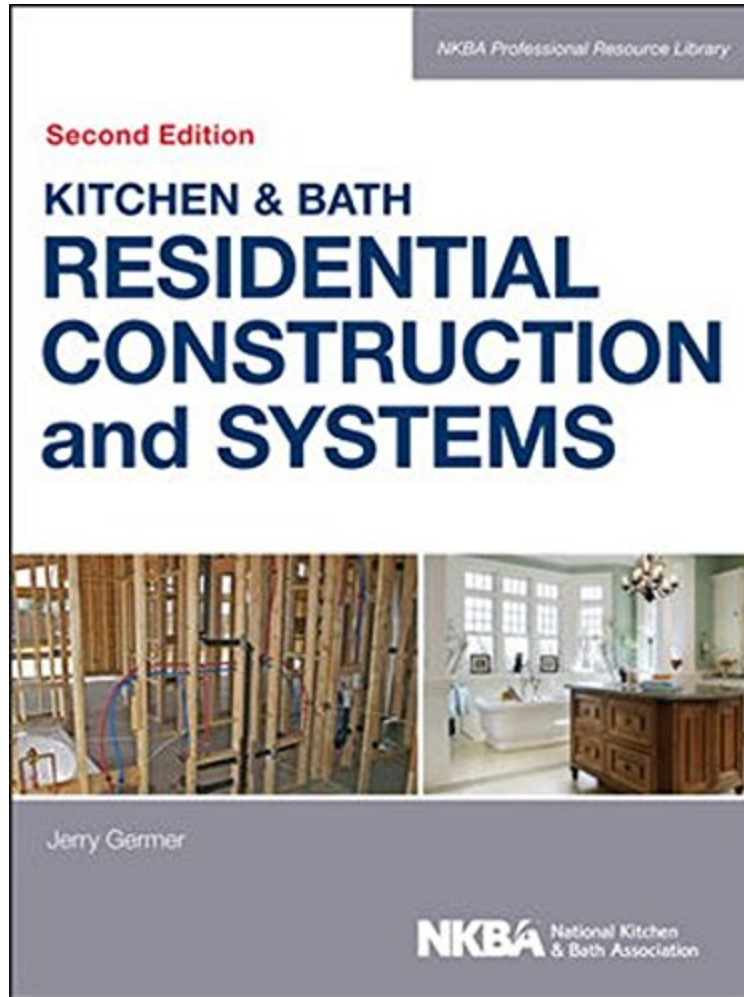


## Kitchen Bath Residential Construction and Systems

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**NKBA (National Kitchen and Bath Association) : Kitchen Bath Residential Construction and Systems** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kitchen Bath Residential Construction and Systems:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. NKBA does it again By Kristine Lofgren Given that the NKBA Kitchen Planning book is my go-to resource for all things kitchen design, I expected the same kind of quality with the NKBA's latest release, and I got it. This book deals with construction and building systems (as the name implies) for the kitchen and bath. Some of this information builds on what you get with the Kitchen Planning book, but it also adds a lot of great new information. Chapters 1 - 4 are short and sweet: how to gather your team, knowing where to get codes, foundations of a healthy home and energy efficiency. Chapter 5 builds on Chapter 4 with using natural energy (solar). From there the book delves into foundation needs and materials, then floors (from wood to steel to concrete)

and on up the walls, both exterior and interior. From there it tackles doors, windows, roofing and surfaces. Next the book turns to heating and cooling, air quality, water and drainage, equipment, electrical and finally lighting. The book is fairly high level because it is aimed at a very specific audience, so you aren't going to find the general details that you might find in a more general book. It is also not a book for contractors or builders, but designers working with contractors and builders. But it does cover things you need to know for kitchen/bath construction, such as lumber, including cuts and quality in the flooring section, for instance, or constructing a good vapor barrier in the roof. The book includes plenty of diagrams and pictures and plenty of resources if you need something more than the book has to offer. Another exceptional NKBA offering.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good general overview of home construction ingredients

By D. Coral

At first, when you see "Kitchen Bath" in the title it is a bit confusing, because this book has little to do with kitchens and bathrooms. Instead it provides a general overview from a bird's perspective at 10,000 feet, of the various ingredients for building a home. It covers everything from lumber grading to tankless water heaters. Because there is so much to fit within 245 pages, none of these topics are covered in a great amount of detail. This book is excellent for a beginner, for example if you occasionally work on home DIY projects or if you want to learn about how homes are put together in a general sense. But if you already have significant experience with residential systems you will find the info too basic to be of much use. Overall, this book is nicely organized with excellent explanations and illustrations, so I would highly recommend it for a beginner.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So much good info

By Maxwell Edison

This book would be worthwhile for any would-be assembler or contractor. It's essentially a textbook (hence the price), but one that presents its content really well. I'm not in the business, but I'm currently getting ready to hire folks who can redo the upper and lower bathrooms in my relatively old house. This book has given me a lot of info that will let me make better decisions about what I can realistically have done and whom to hire. (To be honest, I was thinking I might be able to do the job myself, but this book has -- wisely -- has convinced me otherwise.)

If you're looking for a good overview of the business-side of things, check out Kitchen and Bath Business and Project Management, with Website (NKBA Professional Resource Library). It's excellent, too.

This revised edition of Residential Construction and Kitchen Bath Systems combines the thorough guides to typical North American building systems for homes for the kitchen and bath industry into one comprehensive, expanded volume, completely updated and revised throughout. Learning to "read a house" is an essential skill for anyone in the kitchen and bath field. This book provides clear, concise explanations of the home's structural systems and components, including the inner workings of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

From the Back Cover

A comprehensive guide to residential construction and building systems for kitchen and bath professionals

Combining Residential Construction and Kitchen Bath Systems, this is the definitive guide to residential design and construction for kitchen and bath designers. The book provides clear, concise explanations of a home's structural systems and components, including the inner workings of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Fully updated, it includes new information on sustainable building systems and the latest building codes based on the International Residential Code 2012. Kitchen Bath Residential Construction and Systems is one of a series of volumes in the National Kitchen Bath Association's Professional Resource Library. As the only not-for-profit trade association dedicated exclusively to the kitchen and bath industry, the NKBA is the leading source of information and education for professionals.

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- Lighting

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