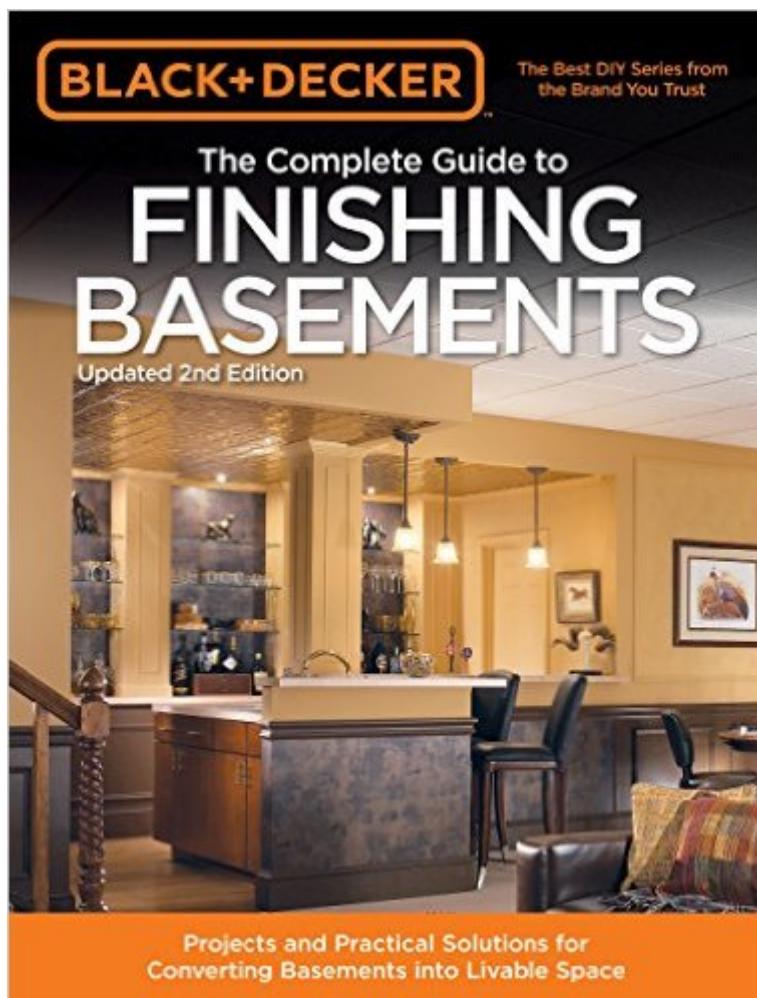


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Finishing Basements: Projects And Practical Solutions For Converting Basements Into Livable Space (Black & Decker Complete Guide)





## Synopsis

A fact-filled, 240-page manual that covers every aspect of designing and planning a basement conversion/remodeling project. With more than 600 color photographs, this book goes into thorough detail on crucial subjects like moisture and climate control, egress, ventilation, lighting, and many other issues. It deals comprehensively with adapting home mechanical systems to basement conditions. The many featured projects include finishing a bathroom stub-out, installing an all-new basement bathroom, insulating, repairing foundation walls, installing sump pumps, dehumidification strategies, as well as many other projects designed for livability. A special focus new to this edition presents information and projects for aging in place, including home elevators and chair lifts, monitoring and communication systems, and creating an accessible basement apartment. You will also find projects that show how to upgrade with luxury amenities, including a fireplace, sauna, home spa, exercise room, basement club/lounge and more.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has some really great photos to look at and get ideas from. I would remind anyone that buys this book that it is primarily for newer homes or homes built after 1980 and on with the newer building codes and specs. I mean most of the instructions and photos are based off of those types of homes, so if you have a older homes with a wet or leaking or humid basement that was built before 1980 or 1970 then this book is not going to help you a whole lot. The finish ideas in this book

are very good with excellent instructions and steps to follow that work but only on the newer built homes. The methods or ideas for correcting or fixing your humidity or leaking water or wet basement problems are not addressed in this book and you will need to seek out other sources that do. This book is very good at giving modern finish ideas for how to frame in walls, load or non-load walls, step by step. It also is very good at showing how to install bathrooms in basements that are the same as in this book otherwise you will have to seek other sources for help. The photos of demonstration are excellent, the book shows. This book also shows you what type of tools to use on your projects in the basement, it also gives very good planning steps and ideas, along with how to estimate your material needs. The best thing about the book is that it is very good with showing how to finish out a room or new bathroom or whatever type of room you decide to build or finish out in your basement, it also gives tips and ideas about the most basic of codes for building which is good. I would definitely recommend this book to others and I am glad I bought it, for I got out of it what I needed and wanted, many good ideas with excellent photos and instructions for basement work.

Planning the basement finishing. I have an older home so clearance not fabulous. The book gives good details about planning and maximizing the height, and the steps, in order, that you should take to make sure your job will last and be warm/cozy for years.

This how-to book is okay and had a lot of reference material in it that I found useful however the one from Taunton's is better. I'd still buy it again, but needed another book to supplement some of the material that it is missing.

This is not a complete step by step but its not the useless "idea" only books that are also out there.

I'm a little puzzled by a couple of lukewarm reviews here, since I found the book to be extremely helpful in understanding the basics of finishing a basement and turning it into living space. No book can give full details on all the possible variations in what an individual basement might look like, but no other book I know gives a better overview of the process. The sequence on installing a basement bathroom—largely ignored by other books—is almost worth the price all by itself.

It's an okay book. It has pretty much everything you need to know, but I think it is a little out of order. I wanted a start to finish guide on finishing my basement. This is more of a project guide.

Terrible book if you plan to finish your basement as a DIY project. I bought because it was mentioned on several websites for DIY'ers. It's all general, disorganized content. For a super 40K feet level view it may be ok, but not worth the money, especially with other cheaper books with more step by step, specific content. TRUST ME, not worth it at all for a DIY basement finishing project.

I was very impressed with the range of information found in this manual. I even used it with my local community building person and corrected him on some of his building code assumptions. It turned out that the building codes cited in this book were correct and his "shoot from the hip" assumptions were not. This one is a keeper!

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