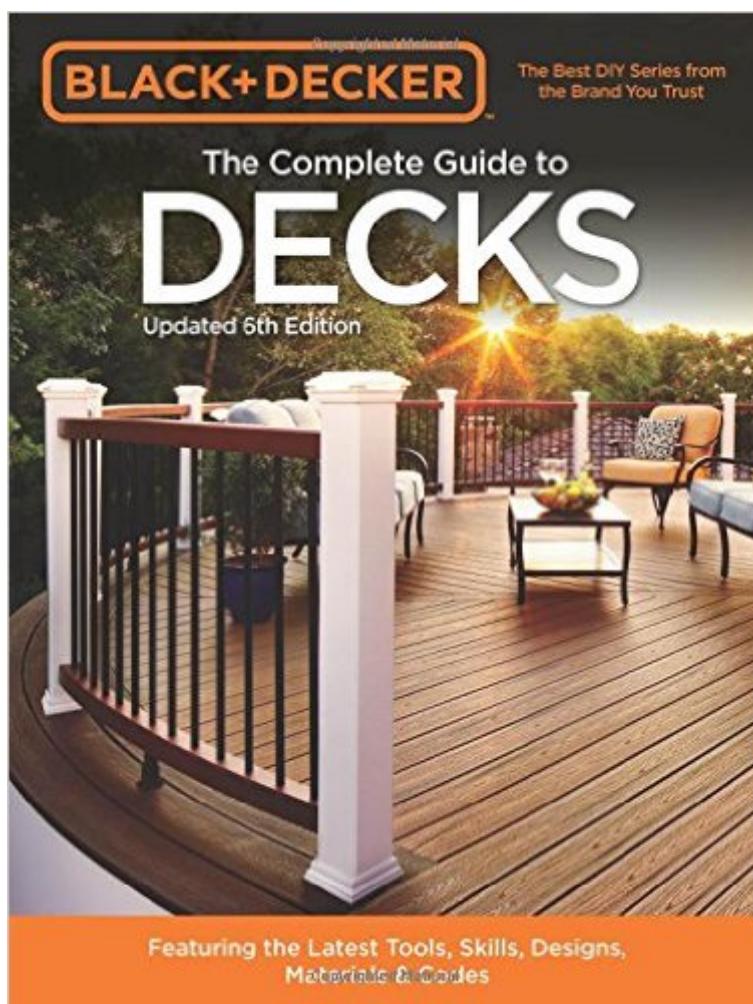


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Decks 6th Edition: Featuring The Latest Tools, Skills, Designs, Materials & Codes (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



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Be inspired by new design and follow the latest codes as you custom build the deck of your dreams! Architecture, building codes, and design are not static; they change constantly. That's why there's a new edition of the bestselling Black & Decker: The Complete Guide to Decks, incorporating updates to national building codes, as well as new developments in building materials and design. Calling attention to composite deckboards and railings, as well as other PVC products made from recycled plastic, the new materials systems featured in this book are environmentally friendly, easy to work with, rot resistant, and very low maintenance. Whether you opt for manufactured deck products or wood, the success of your project depends upon a sturdy deck undercarriage. Accomplishing this isn't difficult, but building the framework requires that you have the latest information on building codes. In recent years, these codes have changed significantly, affecting everything from post diameter to allowable joist hangers to railing height and even the size of concrete footings. Black & Decker: The Complete Guide to Decks is the only DIY deck book that's fully updated to conform to the latest codes. Chapters covered in the book include: Deck Planning & Design, Deck Materials & Tools, Structural Support, Decking, Stairs, Railings, Accessories, Finishing & Maintaining Your Deck, Custom Deck Projects, and a Gallery of Inspiring Decks. Black & Decker: The Complete Guide to Decks offers complete step-by-step photos and instructions, so even homeowners with limited DIY experience are assured of a deck that meets their needs. So, don't wait any longer; build the deck of your dreams and start enjoying it!

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I like this book. I got a quote from a contractor to redo my deck and it was well over 9k which seems very inflated to me. I bought this book and I'm very certain with my ability with tools and design experience (Engineer in my day job) I would be able to do a comparable job for 1/3 the cost. If you are a DIY person, this is the book for you. I wouldn't start a deck project without it.

Everything you need to know and great pics. Very well organized and easy to follow, with an overview section at the start and then chapters that breakdown each stage of the deck building process. Plus there are special sections in the back that go into detail on stairs, adding more intricate elements like curved railings, etc. Please note though that if you're planning a more complicated job on uneven terrain without prior experience, this book (and any, really) will only go as far as helping you understand how decks are built and not trouble shoot your very unique specific issues.

I hadn't built a deck since early '80's this book provided the most recent code requirements and building techniques that greatly aided in my planning and materials selections. Pictures were good visual aids.

Good book with lots of good details. Has some good ideas for planning a new deck. Little short on details but some things should really be reviewed by an engineer. Would recommend

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