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DO IT YOURSELF -- THE DK MANUAL TO HOME IMPROVEMENTS, CANADIAN EDITION

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The 2010 revised Edition contains improvements as well as lots of new information on Green Renovations.

The publisher calls it "Do It Yourself -- A step-by-step guide to fixing, building, and installing almost anything in your home". There are several very good large books like this to help you take care of just about everything around the house, I've even acted as a consultant for some of them. So why this one over the others? It was originally published by Dorling Kindersley, better known as DK in England and was very successful so they decided to publish a US version. As they got started on the US modifications they asked me to see how well it would apply to Canada. Of course my first crisis was that there was a slotted screw driver on the cover and the Americans barely even mentioned the Robertson screws -- oh my dear friends down south, when will you learn the joys of driving screws one handed with quality square socket screws? Finally they decided to ask me to edit a specific Canadian edition and then I had my work cut out for me, but I did get those Robertson screws and screw drivers on the top of the pile. My task was to modify things to fit Canadian products and the Canadian climate, which makes this the only encyclopedia sized home improvement book presently published that is specifically Canadian. This is the Dr. Spock for keeping your house alive -- 500 pages of step-by-step details on repairing and building things from the bottom to the top and around your house. For more details and a peek inside check out www.DK.com. Classified as a Canadian best seller within weeks of its release, it is in stores across Canada as well as available from the web.

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