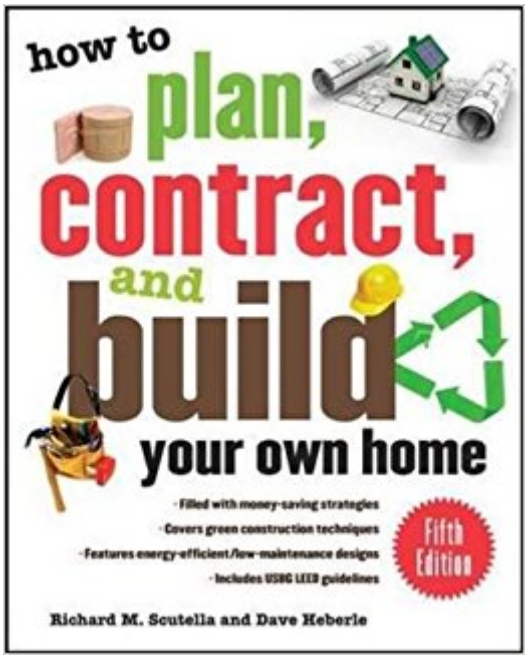
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The All-in-One Custom Homebuilders Guide--Fully Updated with the Latest Green Construction Methods How to Plan, Contract, and Build Your Own Home, fifth edition, gives you the information you need during every step of the homebuilding process--from 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

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Richard M. Scutella has written several books on new construction, home buying, home maintenance, and safety, including HomebuyerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Checklist, Second Edition (Tab Books; 1993), and the first four editions of this book. He has designed and supervised the construction of many new homes.Dave Heberle is the author of McGraw-HillÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Construction Safety Manual and the co-author of the first four editions of this book. A former environmental and safety consultant, he currently manages investment real estate.

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 my 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.

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.

Good guide. Should add energy alternative section

Lot of good information in here. The book was revised in 2005, so there is a lot that has changed, for example to have two phone lines if there will be someone using the internet. Having said that, it does raise questions that you should be asking to have a well constructed home.

Gives you the basic outline of what decisions need to be made.You will have to research your local area to find out what current codes are.

This book provides minimal information on how to actually manage a construction project. Very little time is spent on how to search out qualified subcontractors, compare bids, negotiate prices, set a construction schedule, contracts, or spreadsheets. This book is useful if you have no idea how a typical home is built. Save your money, there are better books on .

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