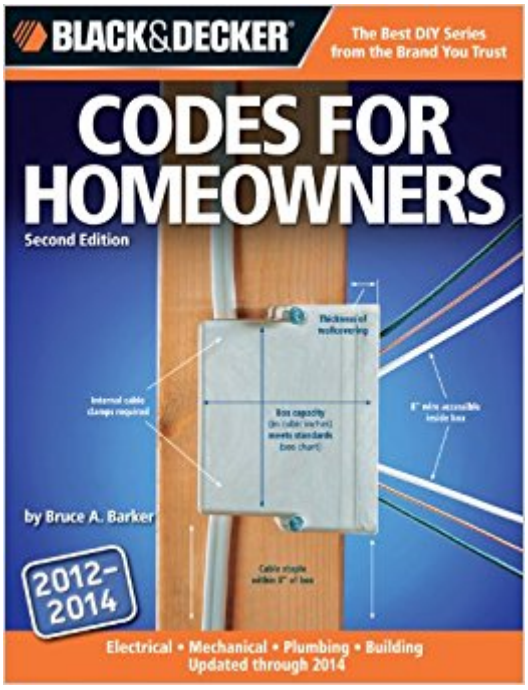
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A graphic, highly user-friendly guide to national codes for residential construction. Codes for Homeowners uses clear photographs to show exactly how the parts of your house are supposed to look once the work is done. Written by International Residential Codes-certified home inspector Bruce Barker, this second edition of Codes for Homeowners is current with most national codes in force for the period of 2012 through 2014. Based on his decades of experience, Inspector Bruce has winnowed down the massive heap of codes in force to only those that a single-family homeowner is likely to encounter. Building codes, electrical codes, plumbing codes and mechanical (HVAC) codes are shown and described in everyday language. The 2nd edition includes all of the great information in the first version but is updated to reflect any changes in the codes in force, including the National Electrical Code, the Universal Plumbing Code and the International Residential Code.

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The Clearest Codes Book EverÃ Â What is the proper clearance for an egress window? Does flexible duct have to be supported every four feet or five? Can vent pipe terminations be located near operable doors and windows? The difference between a code-compliant fixture and an egregious violation is often closer than you think. You may have friends, family, or neighbors who

claim complete code knowledge, but how can you be sure? Is it worth taking their advice against future violations, fees, and fixes? Codes for Homeowners is here to help. Current through 2014, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll find the answers you need in this updated edition. Through clear, explicit instructions, and detailed charts and diagrams, codes for electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and building are easily seen and understood. You donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t need to be an expert to assess your houseÃ¢â ¬â„¢s codesÃ¢â ¬â •you just need the right guide.Ã Â THIS BOOK INCLUDES Electrical Codes Mechanical Codes Plumbing Codes Building Codes Updated through 2014

Bruce Barker (Peoria, AZ) is a member of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) and is Chair of the Society's national Standards of Practice Committee. He is also a member of the International Code Council and of the Independent Home Inspectors of North America. Over 22 years in the construction and building inspection industry, he has built more than 100 custom homes and inspected more than 2,000 homes. He is also the author of EverybodyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Building Codes.

A lot of detail. It can be a little intimidating if you are working on a small basic project and you aren't in a professional home-building trade, but lets face it there is no substitute for experience. This book was really helpful to understand why things are build the way they are.Also keep in mind, the book probably isn't 'wrong' its just written to cover states with different building codes, from Alaska to Florida to California, things need to be built to handle different environments and different building codes. Use this as a quick reference and good luck with your project!

This book is great for illustrating all the general code requirements in typical household projects (Bathroom installation, Decks, Electrical, stairways, Fences, etc...). It is most useful because of the layout and illustrations. I am very handy and plan on continuing lots of home improvement projects but there are some things I wasn't even aware needed to follow a code. You should read it cover to cover because you will be surprised what things do and don't have to follow a code, this way you will be aware of all the details you must plan for BEFORE beginning your project. Sometimes local building codes have different requirements so be sure to check with them too.

I like this book overall. It has really nice pictures and diagrams which make it easy to visualize certain concepts. It try's to cover Codes as best as it can while also suggesting you look into your own local building codes as well to ensure you are doing things correctly.It does a decent job of

defining different terms which it covers in each chapter. That is especially nice for newbs who may wonder exactly what an item like a GFCI is and how it works. It doesn't go into great details; it gives just enough so you can grasp the idea of what a component is and used for in general.Don't get this book if you really want detailed information on Building Codes. This book is only for the true beginner in my opinion.

The Black & Decker Codes for Homeowners (Black & Decker Complete Guide) is a great book.We live in an older house and it needed repairs and upgrading. I've done a lot of building/remodeling/repairs over the years but wanted to make certain that I was code legal. I saw it at my local library and thought it was great. then I bought my own copy. There may be projects where you need more detail but at least this book takes are of the basics very well. I recommenr it!

A great reference book if you are out of date on codes or are just a weekend warrior in the construction field. This also serves as a great reference for those looking to hire on contractors, but would like to understand some of the process.

If you already know the "how" of most home construction practices, this is a great reference for "why" and making sure you do things in a way that is code compliant. If you aren't already pretty familiar with these topics, this book won't be of much use to you. It's definitely the advanced amateur or even professional reference, not a learning guide.

Explains things clearly with good pictures and diagrams. If you want something that covers the basics for most DIY stuff this book is really good. In any particular area (I know most about electrical stuff) you would want a book on that particular area. For example, the B&D Complete Guide to Wiring has more detail and content, but I am happy to have both. No book covers everything so be sure to consult your local city, state and national codes, and ask for help from the local building department. The City of Kirkland, Washington, where I live, was outstandingly helpful, very nice folks and very responsive about permits and getting inspections scheduled.

Same comment as for the electrical book. Excellent book targeting homeowners or those planning a project. We were building an in law apartment and it enabled us to be informed when speaking with the building inspector. In our experience, everything was accurate. Easy to read, well sections, quality photos and diagrams.

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