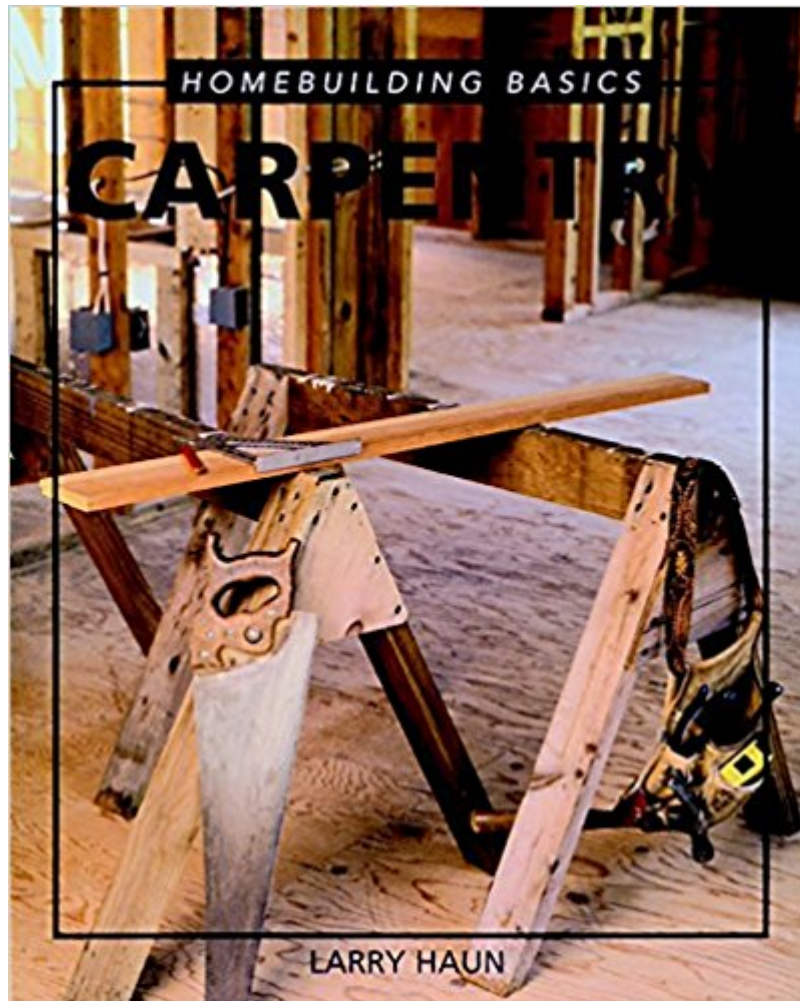




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Synopsis

Homebuilding Basics: Carpentry is the essential manual for anyone who isn't fortunate enough to have a carpentry teacher as wise and knowledgeable as Larry Haun. With close to 50 years of production framing experience, Haun offers newcomers to the trade smart ways to build efficiently, accurately, and safely. It's the only current book with complete coverage of basic carpentry techniques. Beginning carpenters, vocational teachers, and homeowners will find step-by-step instructions, clear illustrations, color photographs, and drawings on every aspect of building.

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Customer Reviews

A longtime teacher of carpentry with nearly 50 years of experience as a production framer, Larry Haun is considered to be one of the masters of his trade. His expertise in building accurately, efficiently, and safely makes him the perfect writer for this book on the fundamentals of carpentry. In straightforward prose, Haun shares his expert advice on a number of topics, including the basics of using hand and power tools, how to read plans and order building materials, how to understand and choose the proper grade of materials, and a rundown on the steps to building an entire house from the ground up. Haun's love of wood and woodworking comes through clearly in this well-illustrated, diagrammed, thoroughly indexed, and comprehensive guide to basic carpentry. --Mark A. Hetts

Haun, a carpenter with nearly 50 years of experience who still volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, has produced an excellent guide that will prove useful to amateurs and professional carpenters

alike. Haun's pleasant and informative writing style makes readers feel as if they are working by his side, just like the apprentices he has trained for more than two decades. Sections cover both hand and power tools plus numerous skills such as framing and stairbuilding. The instructions are presented in a clear, step-by-step manner, and the illustrations and numerous color photographs are excellent. Those needing a truly basic title may want to consider Step-by-Step Basic Carpentry (Better Homes & Gardens, 1997); however, Haun's book is preferred because of the wealth of personal experience he provides. The first in Taunton's new "Homebuilding Basics" series, this superb title is recommended for all public libraries. A Jonathan N. Hershey, Akron-Summit Cty. P.L. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Reading this as a refresher course. Very well done book. Hard cover made with quality paper and clear color photos. Larry Haun's easy style makes this a pleasure to read.

Excellent information for a starting carpenter. Well written.

Everything for novice or pro seems to be in this book, and it is replete with good photography and appropriate explanations.

About half of this books deals with tools.... and the the other half how to stuff... all the information seems to be spot on....

The writer of this book, Larry Haun, is a legend for his carpentry skills and involvement with Habitat for Humanity. He died a few years ago, but he lives on through his books and videos. This book is full of practical tips for learning efficient, safe, rough carpentry.

"Homebuilding Basics: Carpentry" may just be one of the best carpentry tools you could buy. Larry Haun, a production framer and carpentry teacher for over 45 years, wanted to "share with others what I have learned from my teachers." He has certainly succeeded. He begins by covering both hand and power tools and explaining how to choose one version over another depending on the task. Safety tips and tricks for more effective use are presented in sidebars. The jobsite section explains the frame structure of a typical home in detail: nomenclature, whys and wherefors, and sequence of tasks. Next, Haun moves through the actual frame construction from the foundation sill through the completion of the structure and basic finishing in sections on framing floors, walls and

ceilings, roofs, stairs and finish details. This large, well-organized handbook will prove invaluable to anyone planning to build a home, remodel one, or simply wanting to be able to recognize proper framing methods and high quality work. It provides an introduction, list of sources for tools, supplies and books and an index as well as a slew of excellent illustrations. Larry Haun currently teaches carpentry in Coos Bay, Oregon and is the author of "The Very Efficient Carpenter" and a long-time contributor to "Fine Homebuilding Magazine".

this is an excellent primer on stick framing, covering everything from tools to layouts of floors, walls, ceilings and roofs. nothing about shingling, drywalling, plastering, etc. - just framing. that's the strength of this book, in the depth of its treatment of the subject. nicely illustrated, there are at least two or three photos or useful diagrams per page. the book's a big step up from your usual how-to, as the author ties in his own personal building experiences, in ways that illustrate the logic of methods and practices.

This book is the best I've ever seen as a teaching tool on this subject. It assumes no prior knowledge, everything is very clearly written, and the illustrations make it simple to understand. (In fact, if you scanned through the book and only studied the pictures and read their captions, you would learn a great deal without reading the book's text.) If you choose to buy this book, it's money well spent.

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