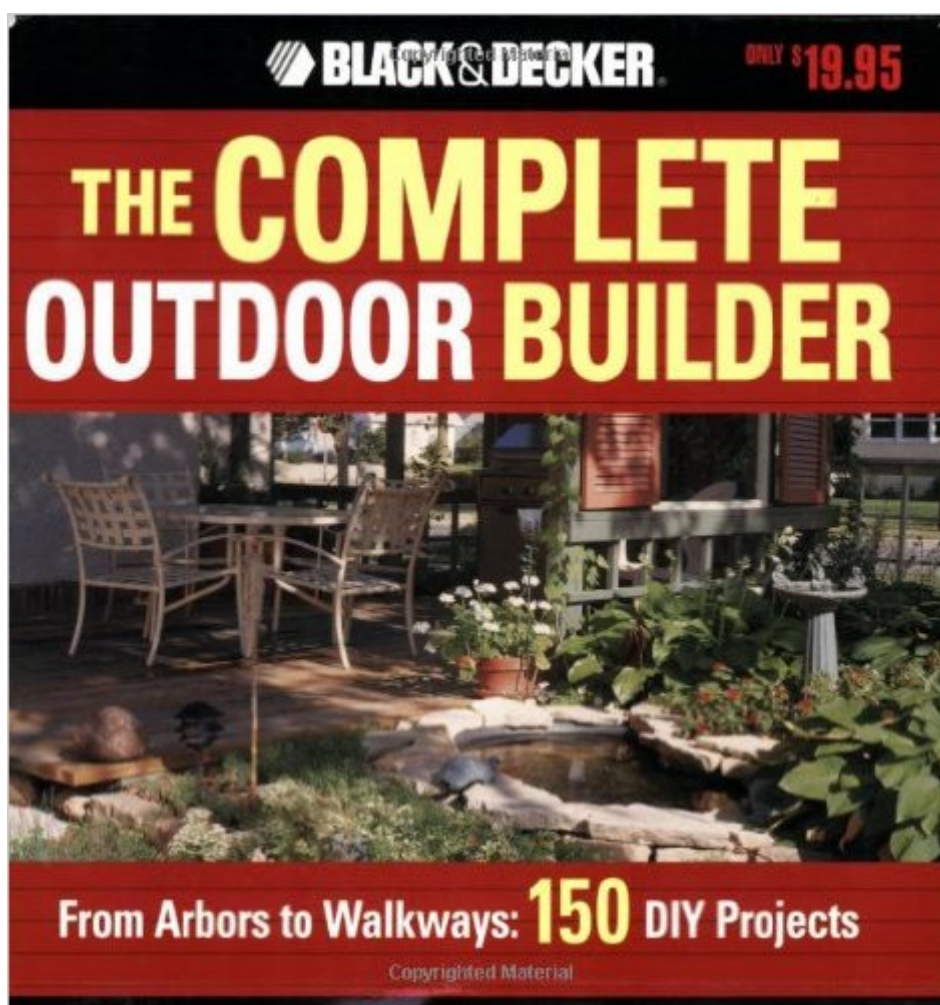


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# The Black & Decker Complete Outdoor Builder: From Arbors To Walkways: 150 DIY Projects (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



## Synopsis

Every homeowner wants to make the most of his "outdoor home." Black & Decker The Complete Outdoor Builder begins with sections on Tools & Materials, Building Codes, Yard Surveying, Drawing Plans, and includes a lengthy section on the basic techniques of working with wood, concrete, brick, stone, and roofing materials. Then comes the heart of the book-detailed chapters on Pathways; Fences, Walls & Gates; Patios; Decks; Porches & Entries; Sheds & Outbuildings; and Accessories. With 150 projects, there is value here for every reader, from the beginning DIY'er to seasoned veterans of outdoor building projects. Featured projects include: a three-season porch, a timber play structure for children, a Victorian gazebo, retaining walls, brick barbecue, cobblestone walkway, decorative fountains, a raised garden bed, and a garden pond. As with all Black & Decker home improvement books, this handy manual contains the most precise, detailed and easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions in home improvement publishing.

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Black & Decker is of course synonymous with power-tools, but less well known is that they make really excellent how-to books as well. This one is outstanding. If your interested in carpentry, masonry, and landscaping design, this book is first rate. The emphasis here in on things like fences, gazebos, stone walls...things with an outdoor landscaping theme. There is also excellent coverage of decks, porches, and sheds, too. A nice and very comprehensive book. Tons of color and detailed illustrations. You can't go wrong with the B & D series or the Better Homes and Gardens series.

This is a good book that shows you lots of ways about creating your outdoors. They are fun to read and you find yourself saying "I can do that". It's true what looks complicated while looking over a finished project is really not complex at all. Lots of neat projects that I will be doing some myself real soon.

After browsing through this book I have a few ideas for additional yard projects as I bought this books for some inspiration rather than for a specific project. Various patio, pergola, structure, fencing and similar type projects. I would recommend an inexpensive used copy of the book rather than buying it new but that's just me.

Great for beginners or experienced builders. Great for do it yourselfers. Just don't loan it to a neighbor. You will never get it back and your neighbor will have a lot of cool projects they completed.

I have dozens of these "how to" books in my library and was most impressed with not only the concepts, but the instructions this book offered. This book could keep the outdoor handyman busy for a dozen summers. Very well done and most original.

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