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## Review of Tools: A Tool-by-Tool Guide to Choosing and Using 150 Home Essentials

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Glossy, profusely illustrated, and thoughtfully organized, "Tools" is an excellent beginners resource to the proper use and purpose for most commonly used household tools. In addition to providing a detailed list of 150 tools from the smallest tweezers to a bench grinder or wood lathe, "Tools" is organized by into sections by purpose. Nine different purposes, such as "Making holes," "Shaping," "Fastening" or "Surface preparation" allows the reader to easily select the proper tool for the job. Steve Dodds provides sensible advice on gaining skill with tools and a very practical list of tool kits for various living situations. From the apartment dweller to the handyman hobbyist, Dodds lays out the number and type of tools one would need for all but professional tasks. "Tools" is an excellent addition to public libraries, "do it yourself" minded patrons, or residence hall libraries.