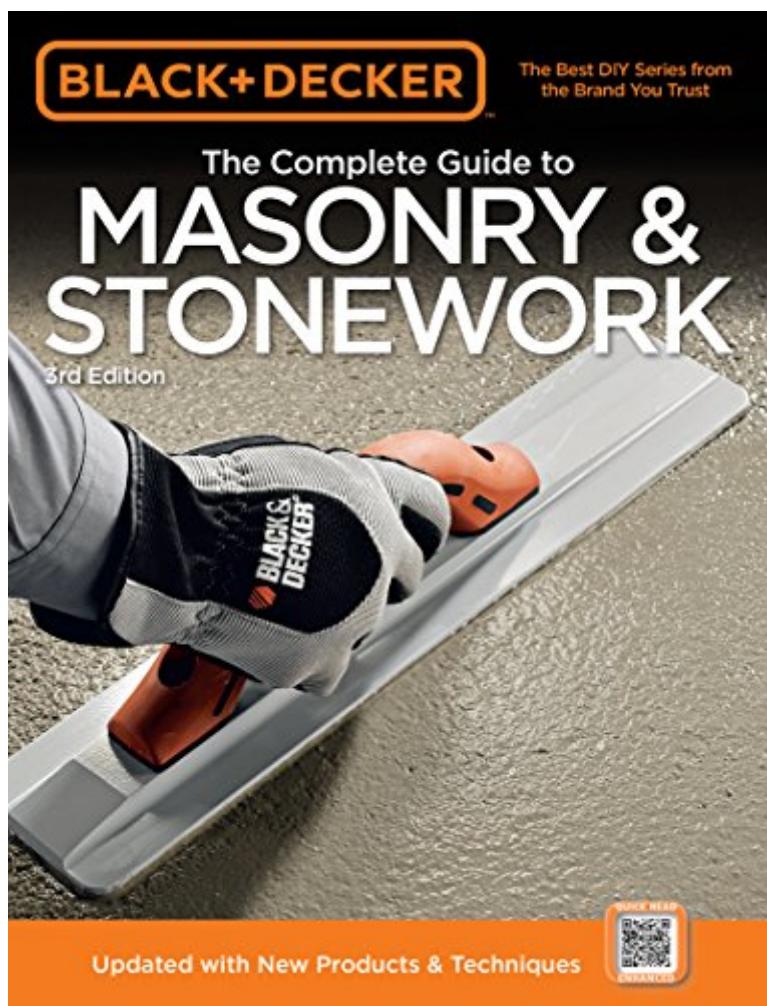


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Masonry & Stonework: \*Poured Concrete \*Brick & Block \*Natural Stone \*Stucco (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



## **Synopsis**

No projects offer more aesthetic or financial satisfaction than DIY masonry and stonework projects. Homeowners can routinely save thousands of dollars in labor costs by buying and installing materials that are now readily available for routine purchase. This book includes traditional techniques for laying concrete adapted to the special needs of ordinary homeowners, but also features cutting edge materials and techniques, such as tumbled concrete pavers, acid-etching for colored concrete slabs, and important green paving options, such as rain-garden arroyos and permeable pavers. Several cutting edge projects are included, such as polished concrete countertops and stamped concrete walkways. A complete outdoor kitchen project, ideal for a patio, is also included.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Book arrived in brand-new condition. Very informative for the basics, but not too deep into detail. If you know nothing, this will teach you a lot. If you already know about masonry, this will not help you. The book contains mixing concrete, how to build forms and stairs, tools and names. There are

pictures for each explanation. I lack experience in this field, so the book was pleasing to me.

I have been building my whole life and wanted to get a book and learn more about masonry since I feel I just don't know enough at this point. I think this book should be titled as a PROJECT book and not as a guide to learning the masonry trade. If you want to learn the difference between type m cement and type s cement you can forget it, this book does not get into details like that. It is about doing particular masonry projects and not about teaching you the fundamentals or terminology of the craft. Heck!, it doesn't even have a glossary to look up masonry terminology. It is NOT the complete guide as it proclaims itself to be. It is a homeowner's guide to weekend projects and a few of the projects are so large scale that any average homeowner would never have the time nor skill to accomplish unless they were actually in the trade. I still don't know the different types of concrete blocks, bricks, cements, concrete mixes, and many other things I didn't know before I bought this book. Plus this book does not have any tricks of the trade or anything useful to help you out or save you money. As a project book it is adequate. As a complete guide, it fails.

This book gives a lot of detail and with a lot of pictures. When one picture is worth a 1,000 words this book has a lot of words. It has detailed instruction for projects such as brick laying, concrete forming, stone work and a lot of other unique projects. I liked this book so much I purchased a few of their other subjects. I would recommend this book to the DIY. I am finding the brick arch and brick laying sections especially useful.

I bought 3 books on masonry and this one seems to go the most in depth on the largest number of topics.

Masonry and stonework is a complete book on cement work from laying block and brick to pouring cement slabs or sidewalks. This covers everything from start to finish. This book also covers flagstone paths, stonework for the front of your house. Also stamped concrete sidewalks and patios are shown in. Various different stone styles. I would love to make a path out of some kind of stone! There are many beautiful paths and stamped concrete!! I hope to do one of these yet this summer!! This is a good complete book on stone and concrete!!! If you need a book on this subject this is the book for you!!!

The book is pretty informative with great pictures. I gave it 5 stars for the pictures alone. The

information was great and I was able to patch up some broken concrete using the concepts in this book. This book also walks you through some common projects like building a Fire Pit and outdoor BBQ island. Can't go wrong with the price. I paid less than 20 bucks for it and I think it's worth having in your DIY library.

i have had an older book of this same name, so i am updating my books on all the DIY subjects. these are very detailed and show pictures of all that is done with detailed information. the Black and Decker series is an excellent series of books.

The book does not go into a great amount of detail but gives you a general overview, If you want to learn masonry, this is not the book to buy. It does work for small projects around the house.

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