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Top 10 Essentials for Building Your DIY Toolkit

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Maybe it's a guy thing. Generally, I couldn't care less for shopping of any kind but put me in the tool department of a store and my bad attitude miraculously changes to that of a happy wide-eyed kid in a candy store. What a great way to waste away a few hours on a rainy Saturday morning. Plus for me, I have an excuse – "It's for work honey, I gotta' do this."

It's been said "A tradesperson is only as good as their tools." I'm a firm believer. The ability to reach for the right tool at any given time can make the difference between a good day and a bad day, between professional results or an amateur looking outcome to your project.

Always shop for tools with quality in mind, not price. The extra money you pay up front is only an investment for the future. A quality piece of equipment, if taken care of, will last for many years and make the job so much easier. There are huge differences in quality from one brand to another; aim for performance rather than just a brand name. For example, a manufacturer that makes a fantastic chop saw may not deliver the same performance in a drill.

There are literally hundreds of tools worth mention, but let's have a look at 10 tools that I would highly recommend as essentials to start with for any DIY toolkit.



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