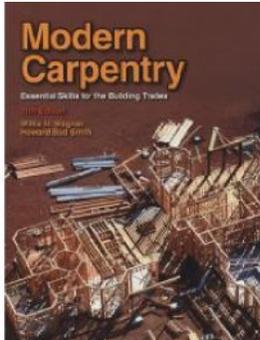


# Recommended Books/Magazines

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## Books

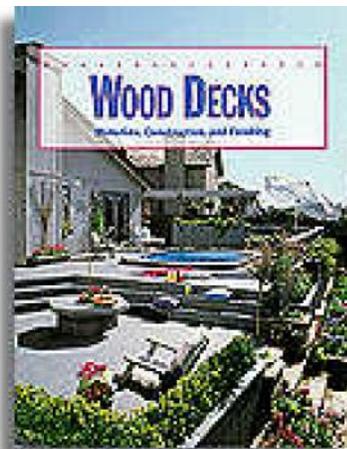
### A. Modern Carpentry by Willis H. Wagner



Modern Carpentry is a colorful, easy to understand source of authoritative and up-to-date information on building materials and construction methods. The text provides detailed coverage of all aspects of light frame construction, including site preparation and layout; foundations; framing; sheathing; roofing; windows and doors; exterior finish; and interior wall, floor, and ceiling finish. Special emphasis is placed on the use of modern tools, materials, and prefabricated components in the application of interior trim, and the construction of stairs and cabinetwork.

“My home building ‘BIBLE’ since 1975 - The first home I construction I physically built it myself. I learned how to do this by reading books. Out of all the books I read, the one book I still recommend today is Modern Carpentry. One reason I like it, is because it is full of pictures and I love pictures. It covers much more than carpentry. It covers laying out the home, digging for a foundation, installing the foundation and much, much more. And you engineer types that want to know how many nails go into a sheet of plywood; you will find it in Modern Carpentry.” - Tom Harrison

### B. Wood Decks - Material, Construction, and Finishing by The Forest Products Society



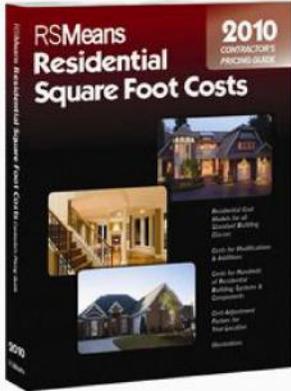
This manual contains a wealth of important information on the design, construction, finishing, and maintenance of wood decks that is not available in other deck construction publications, including:

- \* Span tables for deck design.
- \* Unbiased technical information that clearly outlines the dos and the don'ts of wood deck design and construction.
- \* Information on the properties of various wood species used in deck construction and how these properties affect the quality and longevity of wood decks.
- \* Detailed discussion of proper materials and procedures for finishing wood decks.

\* Proper procedures for inspecting and maintaining various deck components and finishes.

“This book is my favorite book regarding deck construction.” - Tom Harrison

C. Means Residential Square Foot Costs - Catalog Number 6032



Square Foot Cost section includes 30 standard residential structures. With costs for a range of sizes and configurations, you can put together a preliminary estimate in just ten minutes! PLUS: For each model, you get costs for a number of modifications, add-ons, upgrades, and more - everything from fireplaces and chimneys to dormers, appliances, swimming pools and more. Models include all standard configurations - from single story to tri-level - at four quality levels. PLUS: you get cost for unique residential styles like log homes!

“People always ask me, ‘How much does it cost per square foot to build a home?’ Very dangerous question. Understand that I can build a home for \$45 a square foot and I can build the same size home for \$300 a square foot. It mainly is determined by how I finish the home. After I lost thousands of dollars playing the square foot game, I started doing complete estimates. But then I use to waste time and money purchasing a set of house plans and completing an entire estimate only to find out that I could not build the home within my budget. I’d scrap those plans and start over. I found by applying the current figures in this book and adjusting for my area (which they tell you how), I could tell in a matter of minutes what I would probably spend to build a home. I have also been pleasantly surprised at how close my actual cost would come to this estimate. This is also great information for anyone that plans to hire a builder. An under estimated cost is as much of a nightmare as an over estimated cost. This will give you a good idea as to how much the builder is charging and if the builder’s price is fair.” - Tom Harrison

## Magazines

### A. The Journal of Light Construction



“When I started building after building my first home myself, I was amazed watching the subs work. I still am . They have more tricks on how to do a job than most people can imagine.

This magazine is like watching all the best subs do their work. Every issue is full of tips and methods on how to do a job quickly and correctly. I found that many subs do things wrong simply because that’s the way they’ve always done it. Here you get the answers in an easy to understand and well illustrated format. If you read every issue from cover to cover, you’d soon have a Ph.D. in construction. A must read for the builder who wants to become a Master Builder.” - Tom Harrison

### B. Fine Homebuilding



“I remember as a kid reading [mostly looking at the pictures] The National Geographic magazine. The paper, print and pictures were so good that you wouldn’t dare throw it away. This is ‘Fine Homebuilding’. A beautiful magazine with how to articles and illustrations on old world craftsmanship I thought was dead and gone. This magazine is a pleasure to look at and a must if you like to see what can be done with a lot of money.” - Tom Harrison

### C. Builder Magazine



“This magazine is definitely for the builder who wants to build more than one or two homes a year. It lets you know how the big boys do it and it covers national trends, new products and new ideas. I like it because I like to know where in the country it’s hot and where it’s not. I also like to know what people want in a home for a given area and I like to see ideas from other parts of the nation. I also like to read about new products on the market. A must read for the professional. If you join your local homebuilder association, you will receive a subscription to this magazine as part of your dues.” - Tom Harrison