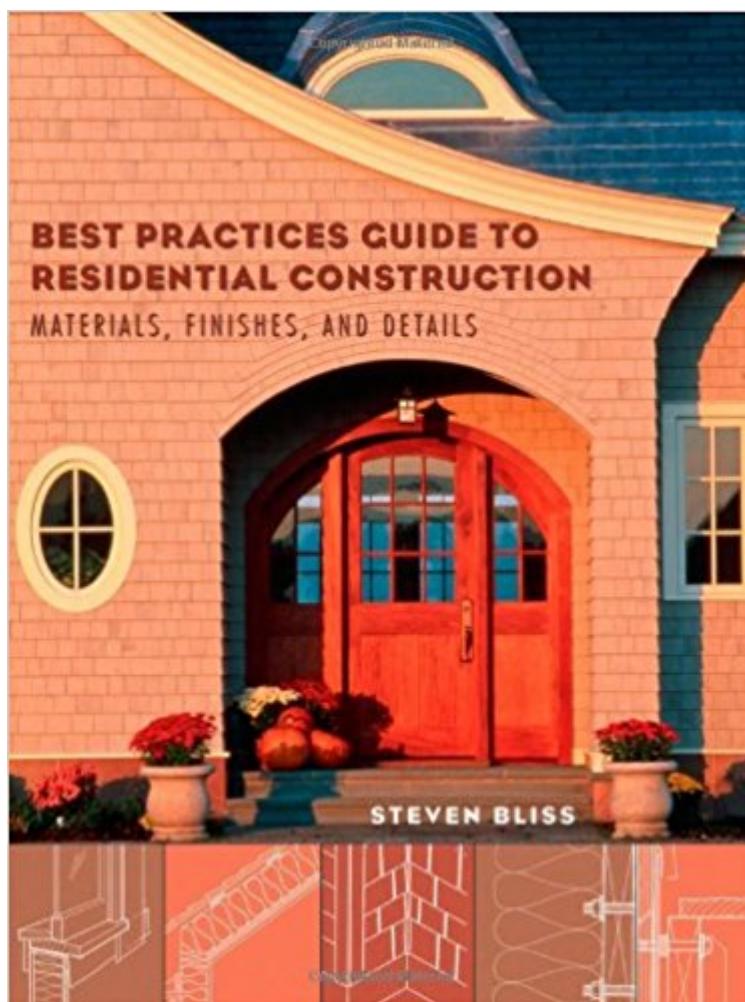


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# Best Practices Guide To Residential Construction: Materials, Finishes, And Details



## Synopsis

The most comprehensive guide to material selection & installation. It takes a wise choice of building materials and details to create durable, attractive, and affordable custom homes and remodeling projects. Best Practices Guide to Residential Construction provides up-to-date, field-tested recommendations that help professionals balance cost and performance when designing and building residential projects. Steven Bliss, former editorial director of *The Journal of Light Construction* and founding editor of *Progressive Builder*, draws on his extensive knowledge as a practicing builder, designer, and construction editor to help building professionals select the right materials for every job and install them with confidence. This one-stop resource covers the real-world challenges of material selection and installation so designers, contractors, and building owners can make informed decisions for all major building components. Useful to architects, designers, and specifiers--as well as contractors, builders, and developers--Best Practices Guide to Residential Construction features:

- \* More than 200 photos and illustrations of critical residential construction details
- \* Installation tips and cautions that help prevent costly product failures
- \* Descriptions of the latest composites and synthetics that are changing the way we build
- \* Easy-to-use charts for making quick product comparisons
- \* An authoritative guide to indoor air quality and healthy house construction

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"This comprehensive guide just may set the standard for years to come." (Green Builder, October 2006) "By using the Guide, residential building professionals have access to a source of objective information that takes the guesswork out of selecting products and materials." (ToolBase News, Vol. 11, Issue 2) "Readable, practical, and most of all, highly applicable." (Old-House Journal, May-June 2006)

STEVEN BLISS served as editorial director of The Journal of Light Construction for more than sixteen years and construction technology editor of Progressive Builder and Solar Age magazines. He worked in the building trades as a carpenter and design/build contractor for more than ten years and holds a masters degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

I am building a new house and wanted some detailed information on materials that would assist in all the choices I will be making. This book is so much better than the infomation you find that is intended for consumers, which is very lacking in details and substance. For example, you will find good information on the different types of construction for kitchen cabinets. This is of great assistance when having to choose a cabinet manufacturer. Instead of blindly comparing cabinets you can actually understand the quality you are getting. I would recommend this book to builders, homeowners who will build or renovate, and architects. You are much better off spending on this book than most of the home maganzines, with the exception of Fine Homebuilding which is the best I have found for real infomation.

This Best Practices Guide is a good reference book, but I think it pales in comparison to the two volume reference put out by the Journal of Light Construction, the JLC Field Guide to Residential Construction (Volumes 1 & 2). The JLC guides have a much more uniform and cohesive format and illustration/graphic style. I have all three guides, and find myself using the JLC guides far more often in my residential remodel design practice.

Good book, but out of date. A lot of products that are currently on the market are not mentioned... products that now work better than those mentioned in the book.

A very good reference book for a first-time homebuilder. One-stop shopping for ideas and introductions to a vast amount of information in the residential construction industry. The graphics and vendor lists are terrific. Coupled with a foundation and framing reference, it really gets you

through the process from start to finish.

Steven Bliss has done a fabulous job culling material from many references which are found on nearly everyone's bookshelf! Bliss puts all the information into an easily understood and clearly illustrated medium. I particularly appreciate the product comparisons for various materials. This book is a must have for every residential architect!

A great must have reference.

This review is for the kindle version only. This is an excellent book, but the kindle edition has such poor quality images (can't read the text in the detail drawings!) that it leaves me wishing I bought the paper version. should suppress the kindle edition until the publisher fixes this.

It's exactly what the title promises without the useless filler of many books. I recommend it.

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