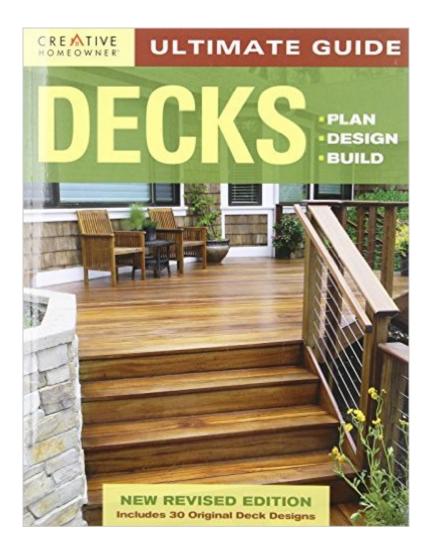
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# Ultimate Guide: Decks, 4th Edition: Plan, Design, Build (Home Improvement)





## Synopsis

Decks continue to be one of the most popular additions to homes today as more and more homeowners seek to enjoy outdoor living and expand living space. Ultimate Guide to Decks, 4th edition: Plan, Design, Build leads the homeowner through the process of designing and building a deck, whether as a do-it-yourself project or working with a contractor. Hundreds of step-by-step color photographs highlight the clear, concise, and friendly text. The author provides helpful advice on generating ideas, selecting materials, and using tools as he leads the reader through the complete process. Further inspiration comes from dozens of deck designs and ideas the author has gathered from four of the nation's top deck designer/builders. Finally, three different deck projects, complete with plans and materials lists, are included so that even a novice can create a finished deck with this complete guide.

#### **Book Information**

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Lot of fancy pictures of expensive decks in here that the do-it-yourselfer will probably never build, but it did give me the nuts and bolts of how to design and build my own above ground pool deck. Worth the read.

I will admit I bought this book after hitting my limit on renewing it from the library. It's that good. I checked out 5 deck building books to review when planning my own backyard, covered deck. I kept

coming back to this book for information and ideas. I returned all the other books when I realized this one was by far the best. This book shows every step from removing grass to fancy designs to consider. I eventually bought this book because our deck building got delayed and I really wanted to have this book around when we started. I had thought I'd donate this book to my local library after I was done with it, but there are so many cool ideas in here that I'll probably end up keeping it and adding it to our library.

I will be re-posting this post for 4 other books I bought just like this because they all show WONDERFUL information and pictures for different types of projects.All these books, Including this one show you How, Why, and Ideas. Their might be other books out their Better/Cheaper, but I haven't found them yet and so I am just sharing that I am VERY satisfied with this book and a must for the first time home owner or first time a person wants to tackle these projects

I have several guide books on construction of decks, gazebos, sheds etc., this one seems to be a little bit above the average guide book. Nice detail throughout. Maybe a bit more on the pros and cons of ledger and free floating deck construction. Over all a good guide book specially for beginners.

Useful reference book filled with tips and techniques. The plans included are for beautiful structures that are beyond the skills of most DIY'ers, but they are useful for reference to see how things fit together in more complex designs.

This book was everything that I expected. All the advise and plans were easy to understand and follow. I would recommend this.

It helps and simulates your imagination, however, it needs to be updated to include new available materials. I felt the CreativeHomeowner's "Deck Designs" was excellent. This book needs to be more detailed to keep up with that great book by Steve Cory.

I purchased this hoping to get construction details for various deck designs. I got what I wanted!! I love it!

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