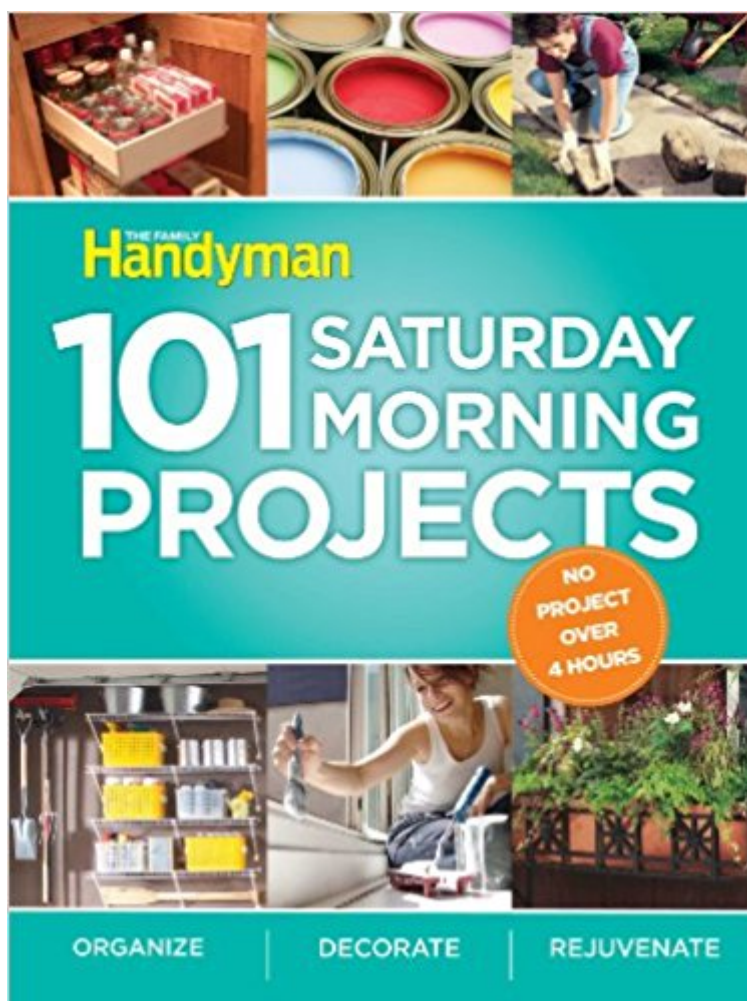


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# 101 Saturday Morning Projects: Organize - Decorate - Rejuvenate No Project Over 4 Hours!



## Synopsis

Choose from over 130 practical solutions for maintaining your home or apartment. These sensible projects are the easy-to-follow answers to keeping your home and yard in tip-top shape-and all can be done in less than 4 hours. From the editors of the #1 home improvement magazine, The Family Handyman's and written in their dependable, very accessible, conversational tone, the detailed project instructions are straightforward and user-friendly. Plus there is expert advice for every home or apartment repair, project, or improvement from adding extra storage space to building a summer lounge chair, from repairing a damaged screen to installing a dimmer switch. Inside you will find over 130 easy-to-build projects that will enhance your home; practical fixes for all annoying problems including a running toilet, dull mower blades, and how to replace a sink sprayer and hose. Find quick and inexpensive ways to improve the looks and functionality of your home by decorating with stencils, make over your kitchen cabinets, critter-proof your home, and stop drafts around windows and doors. Plus bonus sections that highlight Healthy & Efficient Home, Painting & Finishing, and Using Tools. Throughout this books are expert hints and tips that will have the handyman, or woman, enhancing, repairing, and maintaining a home or apartment in less time than it takes to play a Saturday morning round of golf.

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readers around the world. Expert in gardening, cooking, home repair, health, consumer awareness, and general reference, we are committed to providing authoritative content that not only inspires but also empowers people to enrich their lives and improve the universe around them. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I like this book, but the "No project over 4 hours" emblazoned on the front cover is a bit of a stretch, as is the "101...projects" part of the title. The larger woodworking projects (anything with a materials list and a cut list) might only take 4 hours of your time to cut and dry-fit, but some of them assume you have a fully-equipped woodshop, complete with table saw, jointer, nail gun, a dozen or more clamps, etc. They also don't account for the time you spend finishing (sanding and staining/painting), so several of the woodworking projects are more likely to take you an entire weekend. If you have exactly the right tools, you can cut all the parts and dry fit them, but don't expect to start any of the larger woodworking projects and be completely finished in 4 hours or less. At the other extreme, I'd say some of the "projects" don't qualify as projects at all--like pressing the reset button on your garbage disposal or GFCI outlet--and belong in a "Homeowner's Guide" type of book instead. I'd rather see these listed as tips, but I guess then there wouldn't be nearly 101 "projects" in the book. Then again, maybe it's not so bad if I just have to press a reset button and my wife thinks I spent half the day rewiring the kitchen outlets or rebuilding the garbage disposal. ;) For many of the projects, you need to know what size fitting, pipe, connector, fastener, etc., is already installed. The most time-consuming part for most of my repair projects is figuring out the size of the part I need to replace, especially if I can't easily remove the part and take it with me. Most of the time it requires multiple trips to the store. It would be nice if the book provided some helpful hints on how to only make one trip to the store. Despite these faults, I still think it's a good book, and I think everyone is sure to find a use for at least one or two dozen tips or projects.

I thought this would be some really nice step by step instructions for a novice person. Nope it is literally a page with all sorts of drawings that you have to figure out. It is probably great if you know all of this stuff, but if you are a novice stay away.

I loved this book from building the butterfly house to converting one of my cabinets to a roll-out! I really liked resetting the GFCI, because I did not know how to do that. Lots of good maintenance and storage ideas. Good, Good book! The book was in excellent condition and I would use this vendor again.

First of all, had this book had a better description I wouldn't have bought it. That being said-it isn't a bad book. I got it for my girlfriend because she's very much into DIY projects and I thought these would be nice little quick things for her to do. Wrong! They are quick projects for someone who has semi advanced skills and are more of repairs than projects. It looks like a great way for a honey-do list to get started! Haha

They expect you to have tools and machines at home for these "handyman" projects. A lathe for a pen holder? Sorry, I own plenty of hand and power tools but not a lathe and i dont have a collection of pneumatic tools like they expect for any of the projects. I was dissappointed as soon as i opened the book.

I expected easier projects. You basically have to be a carpenter o have more professional tools to be able to do the projects. I returned the book.

This is an interesting book for sure. It has a handful of really great ideas, some okay ones, and some that are just borderline stupid in my opinion. Some of the projects are also way, way outside the skill set of most of the weekend warriors I know, myself included. Also, toward the end of the book, they sort of change from projects to tips on tool use and care. Welcome information, but not exactly what I thought I'd be getting. Still, if you can get this book for cheap it could well be worth it, as it can be a lot of fun to read and plan with your family or partner even if you never get around to actually doing the projects.I'd say get it and enjoy, just don't expect anything miraculous.

I have not tried any of the projects yet but I will. This book says a person could do these projects on a Saturday morning but I am much slower and some would probably take me a couple of days. But there are lots of innovative & interesting ideas. I have read the book and the instructions are clear & concise with good pictures. Well worth every penny I paid.

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