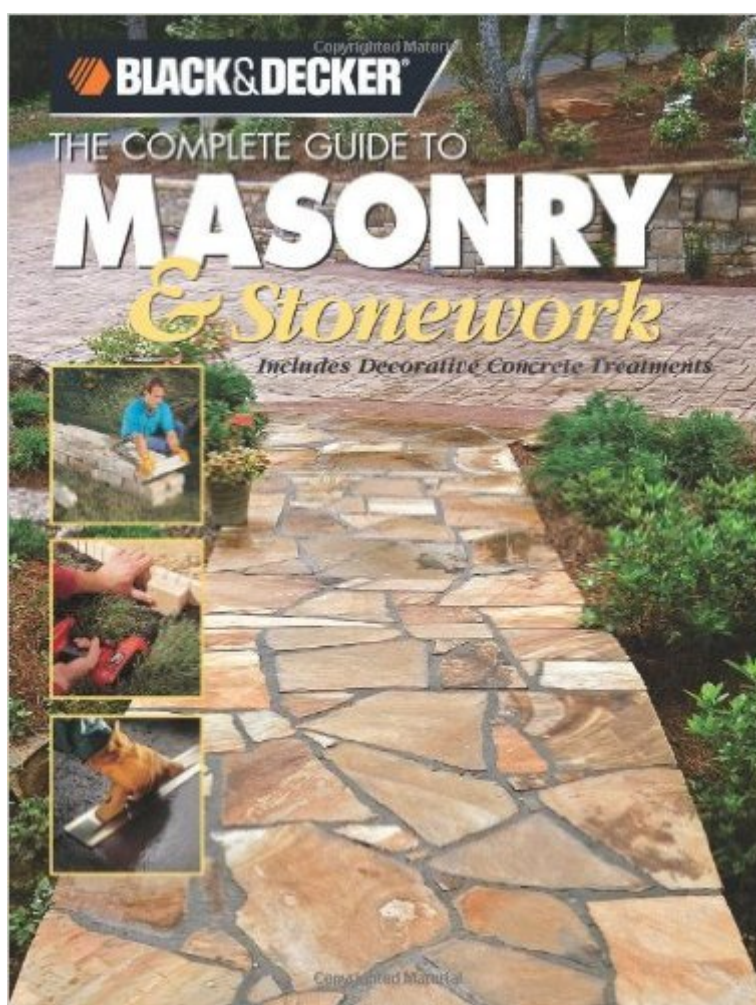


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Masonry & Stonework: Includes Decorative Concrete Treatments (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



## Synopsis

Modern Methods for Classic Concrete! This revision of Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Home Masonry updates much of what made the original book a best-seller, but also answers the latest building trends by featuring exciting new information and projects. In addition to the tried and true project information on building with concrete, brick and block, the book features all new, state-of-the-art information on decorative concrete finishes, including acid coloring, stamping, and using cementitious paints. Another new section shows easy methods for casting concrete in forms to create countertops, garden benches, and other accessories. Also included are new projects for building retaining walls with tumbled concrete block, facing concrete slabs and steps with natural stone and ceramic tiles, and creating outdoor rock gardens.

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I love all the Black and Decker home construction guides and own 9 of them, including this one. I have no construction experience and learned almost everything I needed to know to completely remodel my house from them. I definitely think they are the best out there. I really appreciate the step by step color photographs. Many other construction guides use illustrations instead which i don't find as helpful.

Lots of pictures. Great guide to everything you need to know for home projects.

I've checked this out from the library so many times that it was becoming tiresome, so I finally just bought it. It's my go to book for all stepping stone and porch related ideas. I'm using it to build a basic stepping stone porch (no concrete). I'm a visual learner, so this book is great! (See my customer images for an example & table of contents) It's great for beginners or just a refresher (I'm definitely a beginner), basically it's helpful for anyone. There are all kinds of projects, like paving, building walls, planters, BBQ's, applying stucco & concrete, and even how to do repairs. This is very helpful to have around, especially for the price.

If you are like me and know (knew) nothing about Masonry, then I highly recommend this book. Very well illustrated (color) with a variety of projects and examples. It was better than I had hoped for.

thank you my husband likes the book and the details for each project. TY

This book was very helpful in putting together my paver patio. It had lots of pictures, and lots of detail. I would definitely recommend it.

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