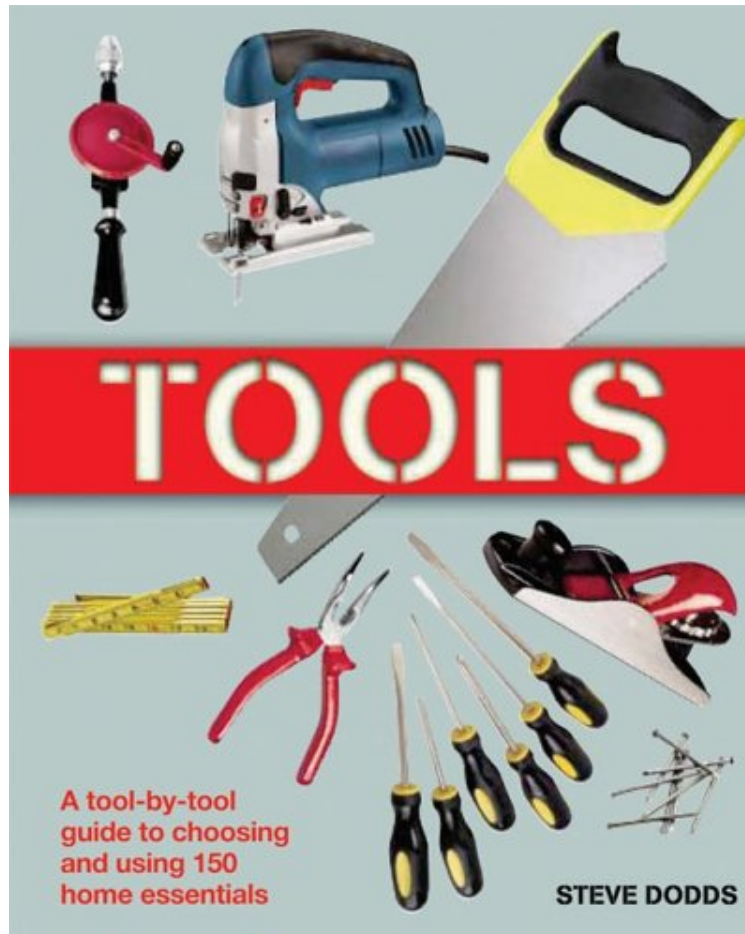


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knowledge, and you'll find plenty of information to refer to when it's time to expand your collection of tools. The resources found in this book can be used by everyone from architects and builders to Jane and Joe DIYer to get cutting-edge information on tools, equipment, materials, cost estimating, market trends and project planning. Lastly, a few words about the illustrations. The goal is to provide an image that accurately represents a tool or process, not to endorse or recommend any particular brand or specific product. Careful consideration will need to go into choosing the right tool for you, as you'll soon learn. Multinational brands, where possible, are included, but be aware that an individual company's product lines may vary from market to market, and from year to year.