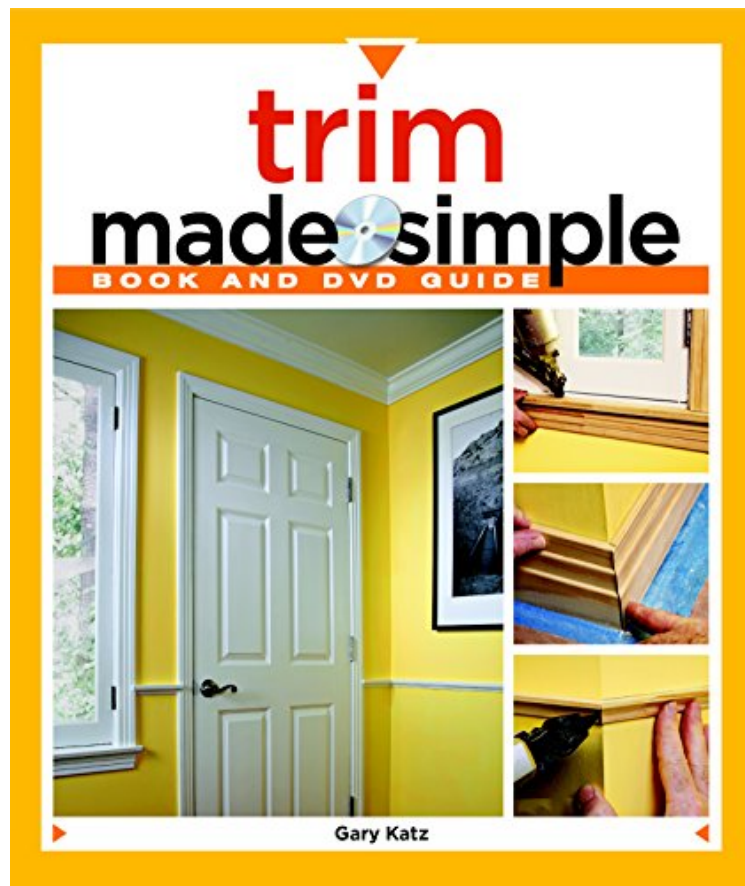


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**Gary M. Katz : Trim Made Simple: A Book and Step-by-Step Companion DVD (Made Simple (Taunton Press))** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Trim Made Simple: A Book and Step-by-Step Companion DVD (Made Simple (Taunton Press)):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent reference for the home DIY'erBy R. EARLSFirst, I've seen some negative reviews on this book which surprised me. Those reviewers clearly didn't read the title and the description on the back of the book. Trim made SIMPLE!!! Instructions on how to install door window casing, baseboard, chair rail, and crown molding. If you were disappointed because there wasn't more, you're the problem - not the book.I started remodeling my house about 2 years ago and knew nothing about trim carpentry. I WISH this had been the first book I read, but sadly it wasn't. I've had to read multiple books that tend to make trim carpentry overly

complex. They're written for the professional trim carpenter and want you to learn topics like how to make your own trim from router bits, or discuss architectural theory. Those topics are definitely not for beginners or the home DIYer. Gary Katz is widely recognized as a master in this field and he's done a wonderful job of simplifying topics for people like me. This book outlines 95% of the trim work in most all houses. The other 5% (fireplace mantels, columns, etc..) are more advanced topics. For each job, Gary outlines the tools required, clearly explains how to complete the task, and even recommends how to make inexpensive tools or jigs that make the process easy and accurate. He's included a large number of clear, color photographs to give you a visual reference of each numbered step. This is extremely important because when you get to topics like crown molding or coping, it can be extremely confusing without a good visual reference. Finally, Gary shares a large number of tips and techniques that he's learned over a lifetime of work. These will save you a lot of time, avoid a lot of frustration, and save you a lot of money by not making rookie mistakes. Trim is deceptively expensive. One mistake when cutting a long piece from an 8 ft. or 12 ft. piece of trim can be a \$15-\$20 mistake. Make enough of these mistakes and you'll quickly waste hundreds of dollars. One of my favorite features of this book is the very first chapter. How to build your own workstation for your miter saw. When I started, I had my saw on the floor and later purchased a very expensive - but not that useful - miter saw stand. Gary's workstation is everything you'll ever need to make accurate cuts measurements. I'm building mine immediately. Another incredibly valuable topic is how to remove existing trim without damaging walls. I've done a lot of damage to the drywall in my crude attempts to remove existing trim. Knowing how to easily and elegantly remove window casing and baseboards - without any damage - is an art. However, Gary teaches you this art in 5 minutes. A few things I feel should have been included, which is why I only gave it 4-stars:- How to select a good-quality compound miter saw. The most important tool you'll be using for this topic should get a brief discussion on what features are important and what to look for when you purchase one.- How to calibrate a miter saw to ensure you're getting accurate cuts. Miter saws, even right out of the box, can be out of alignment. Making sure you're getting accurate cuts is critical for miters and joints. If you don't know how to check for this, and how to correct it, you can get frustrated in a hurry. All in all, this is a great book. I'd highly recommend it to anyone who is new to trim carpentry and looking to do some remodeling in their home. It will make you very productive and efficient in a short amount of time. NOTE: I can't comment on the included DVD as I don't prefer to learn that way, so I didn't watch it. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful for ordinary home renovator By Auckland Kiwi I had some items of trimwork I needed to do - adding trim around an archway, a window and replacing skirting in a room. Nothing fancy as the rooms were square and the trim simple in shape. This book was ideal for a beginner like me as it told me the order in which to do things, how to prepare the surfaces and then cut + fit the trim. I've knocked off a star as not everyone can afford a dropsaw and a Fein cutter - I wish there was more detail on using the handsaw to cut trim moldings. For someone who is an average home handyman with an ordinary modern brick-type house with simple trim, this book will give you the confidence and I believe is all you need for 95% of trim renovations in such houses. Renovators with old wooden houses or houses with elaborate trim shapes and many-cornered rooms probably need a more specialist book on how to do trimwork. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. If you are doing or planning a remodel you gotta have this book By Michael M. Webb This is a great first book if you are doing a remodel in which you will be redoing the inside of your house. It's so simple and provides great advice, with recommendations for homemade jigs and fixtures that will provide you with the best results while saving you money and aggravation. I am doing a remodel and purchased many store products before buying this book and now I am discarding the store products for the jigs and fixtures from this book. I can't say enough about this book. If you are already experienced then I would recommend bypassing this book and looking for the author's other books that are more advanced. The author is absolutely great.

Watch. Learn. Build. That's the motto behind Taunton's Made Simple Series. Each DVD-book companion set shows the average homeowner how to get the job done right the first time. In Trim Made Simple, professional finish carpenter, Gary Katz shows on the DVD and in the work-site friendly companion book how to install all types of trim-- door and window casing, baseboard, chair rail, and crown molding. Each process is broken down into series of can't-fail steps. Based on his decades of experience, Katz also explains how to avoid pitfalls and what to do when things go wrong. This winning combination of how-to instruction will help any homeowner, no matter what their skill-level, get professional results.

About the Author Gary Katz is a finish carpenter and a frequent contributor to Fine Homebuilding magazine and The Journal of Light Construction. In addition, he has produced a series of instructional DVDs, including Mastering Trim Carpentry and Mastering the Miter Saw.