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Focusing on home improvement and repair, the Home Improvement Reference Center is a full text database. The main navigation will direct researchers to high-quality repair information.

Step-by-step instructions for thousands of projects in the areas of plumbing, outdoor, woodworking, electrical, and decorating are provided in high-quality PDF files. Additionally, thousands of articles from magazines and reference books provide tips and suggestions to supplement the step-by-step project instructions.

Users can conduct a keyword search or browse project categories from the home page to navigate to a specific home improvement project.

The following are the content areas in each major category of the Home Improvement site.

Decorating
- Accessories
- Bathrooms
- Ceramic & stone tile
- Creative landscapes
- Decks
- Kitchens
- Outdoor wood projects
- Painting & decorating
- Pools & spas
- Roofing & siding
- Security, safety & health upgrades
- Trim & finish carpentry
- Windows & doors
- Wood storage projects
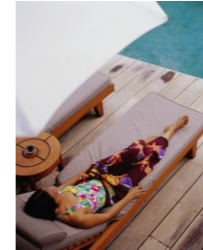- Workshop reference

Electrical
- Basic information for home wiring
- Bathrooms
- Circuit maps for wiring layouts
- Doorbells
- Heating systems
- Home automation & networking
- Inspector's notebook

- Kitchens
- Light fixtures
- Outdoor wiring
- Pools & spas
- Receptacles
- Security & safety systems
- Wall switches
- Wiring tools & techniques for installation projects

Maintenance
- Basements & attics
- Bathrooms
- Concrete & asphalt
- Decks
- Electrical repairs
- Flooring & stairs
- Heating, ventilation & air conditioning
- Insulation & weatherproofing
- Kitchens
- Painting & decorating
- Plumbing
- Pools & spas
- Roofing & siding
- Security safety & health upgrades
- Walls & ceilings
- Windows & doors
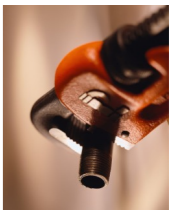- Workshop reference & project planning

Outdoor
- Accessories
- Basic techniques
- Ceramic & stone tile

- Creative landscapes
- Decks
- Fences & walls
- Gates
- Gazebos & arbors
- Landscape construction
- Masonry & stonework
- Pathways & patios
- Pools & spas
- Porches
- Roofing & siding
- Security safety & health upgrades
- Wood projects
- Workshop reference

Plumbing
- Background information for home plumbing
- Basic tools, materials & techniques
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Outdoor plumbing
- Replacing old plumbing
- Whole-house plumbing systems

Remodeling
- Basements & attics
- Bathrooms
- Ceramic & stone tile
- Flooring
- Kitchens

- Masonry & stonework
- Painting & decorating
- Plumbing
- Project planning
- Trim & finish carpentry
- Walls & ceilings
- Windows & doors
- Wiring
- Wood storage projects

Woodworking

- Basic techniques
- Bathrooms
- Decks
- Gazebos & arbors
- Home carpentry
- Home furnishings
- Kitchens
- Outdoor projects
- Security, safety & health
- Storage projects
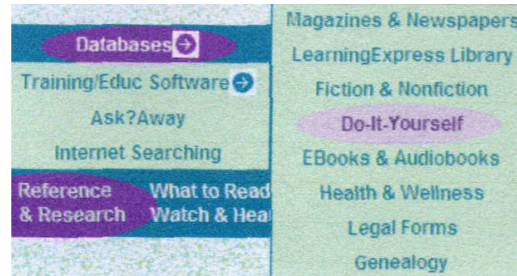- Trim & finish carpentry
- Workshop reference

Accessing the Database

You can access **Home Improvement** from our library web site at **www.antigopl.org**

Near the top of the home page, you will see a horizontal bar with menu options. Move your mouse over **Reference & Research**, and

a menu will appear. Move your mouse so that it highlights **Databases** on this menu, and a submenu will drop down. Click on "Do-It-Yourself" to open a new page.

There are three databases on this page. Scroll down and click on the **Home Improvement** icon.

If you are using this database within the library, a single click takes you to the **Home Improvement** site.

If you are accessing the database from outside the library, you will first be prompted for your 14-digit library card barcode.

Using the Database

At the **Home Improvement** home page, in the upper right corner, you will find a "Help" link. Click on this feature, and a separate page will open. The left column of this new page will offer you more information on searching, saving your searches, printing and emailing, using folders, etc.

In addition, there are: a library of videos, information on working with contractors, and conversion charts.

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