



Home Improvements

Everyday Ideas For Do-It-Yourselfers

(NAPSA)—If you're an avid do-it-yourselfer—or would like to be, you're not alone in the do-it-yourself group.

A recent survey revealed the 10 most popular do-it-yourself projects include:

1. hanging a picture
2. assembling furniture
3. installing a shelf
4. installing curtain blinds
5. repairing toilet/faucet/shower
6. painting room/door
7. installing screw/anchors in walls

8. installing a light fixture
9. assembling a grill
10. installing locks/door knobs

Heeding a few hints and identifying the right tools for the job can help make these projects easier.

- Hanging family photos in a gallery style can help liven your family room. To help keep you from feeling up against the wall when it comes to hanging that picture, try a Rubbermaid Tough Tools Picture Hanging Kit. Designed to fit into a kitchen drawer, the kit features everything needed for this popular project, including hammer, level, tape measure and fasteners.

- Youngsters may be more likely to keep their rooms clean if you create a special place for their toys, books and games. Build four plain wooden cubes and join them into a larger cube. Attach casters. Paint each cube a different color to correspond with its contents—say blue for books, green for games.

- Don't take short cuts; make sure measurements are exact. Do-it-yourselfers can mark their projects with accuracy using the cutting edge laser technology of Straight-Line Laser Tools, a comprehensive line of tools for measuring, leveling and finding studs. With the press of a button, the Laser Tape can measure the area



New, easy-to-use tools, like Rubbermaid Tough Tools, will aid with home improvement projects.

of a room to assist in installing carpet. A laser beam pinpoints the surface to measure and the device instantly calculates the distance. The Stud Finder can scan depths up to 1½" and features auto calibration to aid in projects like hanging a shelf. For hands-free operation, the Strait-Line Laser Level has an Adhesive Swivel Base accessory for vertical and horizontal applications.

- Putting up permanent hooks on every window can make it easier to hang holiday lights and wreaths. To minimize trips up and down the ladder, find a tool kit that includes all the tools you'll need for holiday decorating. For example, Rubbermaid Tough Tools 8 pc. Deluxe Portable Tool Kit includes a torpedo level, a 16-ounce hammer, a 10" adjustable wrench, a 6" long nose plier, a 12' tape measure, 8" groove joint pliers, a ratcheting screwdriver and a fastener kit box all in a convenient and durable storage case. Rubbermaid Tough Tools feature molded, ergonomic grip, a lightweight feel, and are guaranteed for life.

You can learn more online at www.rubbermaidtoughtools.com and www.strait-line.com.