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included several basic designs, all with thorough enough plans and documentation, which you can use right away to start building. These designs can be combined, or modified easily to suit your needs. The author even includes color pictures of existing sheds, that can be built all using the basic principals from previous chapters. If you're the handy DIY'er that has tackled a few home remodeling projects, this is your book. If you just have a few basic carpentry skills and are not afraid of using a circular saw, and miter saw, then this book is for you. Don't know the difference between a cripple stud and a top plate? Don't worry, this book will teach you. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great book on sheds! By wickedgood Gives you more than a general idea of how to build a shed. I purchased to gain a better understanding of shed construction so that I could build an 8' x 6' garden style shed. I used this book to guide me through the process. I found it informative, well written and logical (easy to understand for a lay person). It includes illustrations and photos of many different styles of sheds. It will remain in my library until we retire to Maine where I plan to construct a small boat shed, firewood shed and garden tool shed. Highly recommended.

Shed the illusion that the building in your yard in which tools and backyard equipment are stored must be, by definition, a boring and ugly necessity. The revised and expanded edition of *Sheds* contains absolutely everything you need to know to design, build and enjoy the ultimate backyard shed. Award-winning designer David Stiles helps you think through the issues involved in shed design, such as use, cost, placement and "degree of difficulty." Following a chapter on construction basics, he guides you through each step of building a simple 8 x 10-foot shed -- from foundation to cupola and everything in between. This core chapter includes a material list, step-by-step illustrated instructions and a daily labor schedule, as well as new information on timber framing and moving your shed to a different location. The book then presents several basic sheds, along with a number of more complex special-use sheds, including a pool shed, an Irish garden shed, even a Japanese boat shed. The all-new storage shed on posts allows you to situate your building on a slope. Packed with detailed illustrations, plans, commonsense advice and an inspiring selection of color photographs, *Sheds* is like having a consultant at your side as you work. Whether you are an average amateur builder or an ambitious expert, this book has something for you.