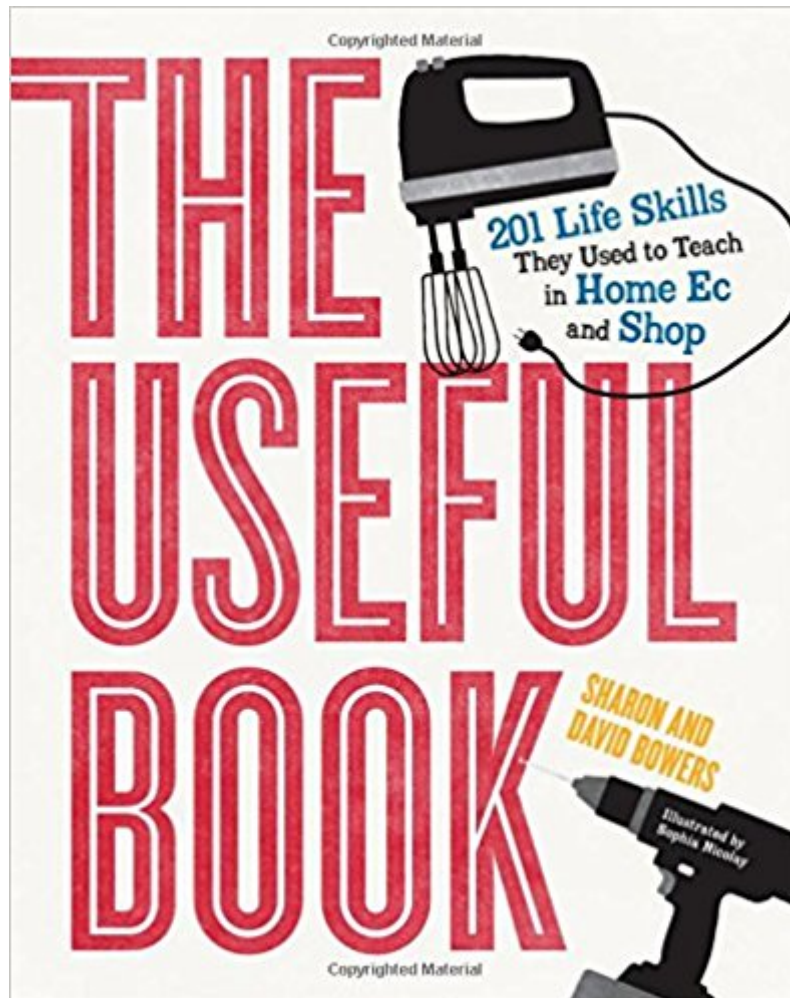




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# The Useful Book: 201 Life Skills They Used To Teach In Home Ec And Shop



## Synopsis

A modern and energetically designed encyclopedia of DIY with everything you need to know to roll up your sleeves and cook it, build it, sew it, clean it, or repair it yourself. In other words, everything you would have learned from your shop and home ec teachers, if you'd had them. The Useful Book features 138 practical projects and how-tos, with step-by-step instructions and illustrations, relevant charts, sidebars, lists, and handy toolboxes. There's a kitchen crash course, including the must-haves for a well-stocked pantry; how to boil an egg (and peel it frustration-free); how to grill, steam, sauté, and roast vegetables. There's Sewing 101, plus how to fold a fitted sheet, tie a tie, mop a floor, make a bed, and set the table for a formal dinner. Next up: a 21st-century shop class. The tools that everyone should have, and dozens of cool projects that teach fundamental techniques. Practice measuring, cutting, and nailing by building a birdhouse. Make a bookshelf or a riveted metal picture frame. Plus: do-it-yourself plumbing; car repair basics; and home maintenance, from priming and painting to refinishing wood floors.

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"Married couple Sharon Bowers (Candy Construction) and David Bowers (Dad's Own Housekeeping Book) serve as mom-and-pop guides through the never-ending task of housekeeping in this handy book of how-tos....Readers learning to live on their own will want to have this book on

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David Bowers is a woodworker, painter, author of *Bake Like a Man: A Real Man's Cookbook*, and stay-at-home dad. • Sharon Bowers contributes to *iVillage* and *Parents* magazine, and is the author of *Ghoulish Goodies*, *Candy Construction*, and *The Idiot's Guide to Cooking Chicken*.

If you buy one book about basic skills for yourself or a young person on their own for the first time, or better yet a teen preparing to live on their own soon enough, THIS IS IT! I wish this was around 20 years ago when I was leaving home for the first time. FILLED with practical advice, how-to, and solutions from all aspects of commonly needed life skills that are currently neglected in education course work. Clear instructions and easy to follow. A must have! I'm going to order one for each of my nieces and nephews.

Great resource to have for learning/refreshing how to do basic household tasks, plus more complex jobs, too. For example, how to cook, sew, plumbing, household maintenance and repairs, and much, much more. Highly recommend "The Useful Book"!

Plenty here and well organized. Perfect for life skills prep.

Love this book! I gave it as a graduation gift along with a tool kit (Cartman Tool Set 160pcs, General Household) to a friend's son going off to college. The book covers so many things you need to know in all sorts of areas.

What a great book! My kids tutorial is using this for a Life Skills class for any student that wants to take it. This book has a little bit of everything that you need to know when your are on your own. Highly recommend it.

Some interesting info

Even if you never undertake any of the tasks covered, the book is fun to look through. I gave it to my mom. She likes it!

Just too simple. Nothing new or useful that can't be better handled by various internet sites. Can't imagine what audience the book was written for.

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