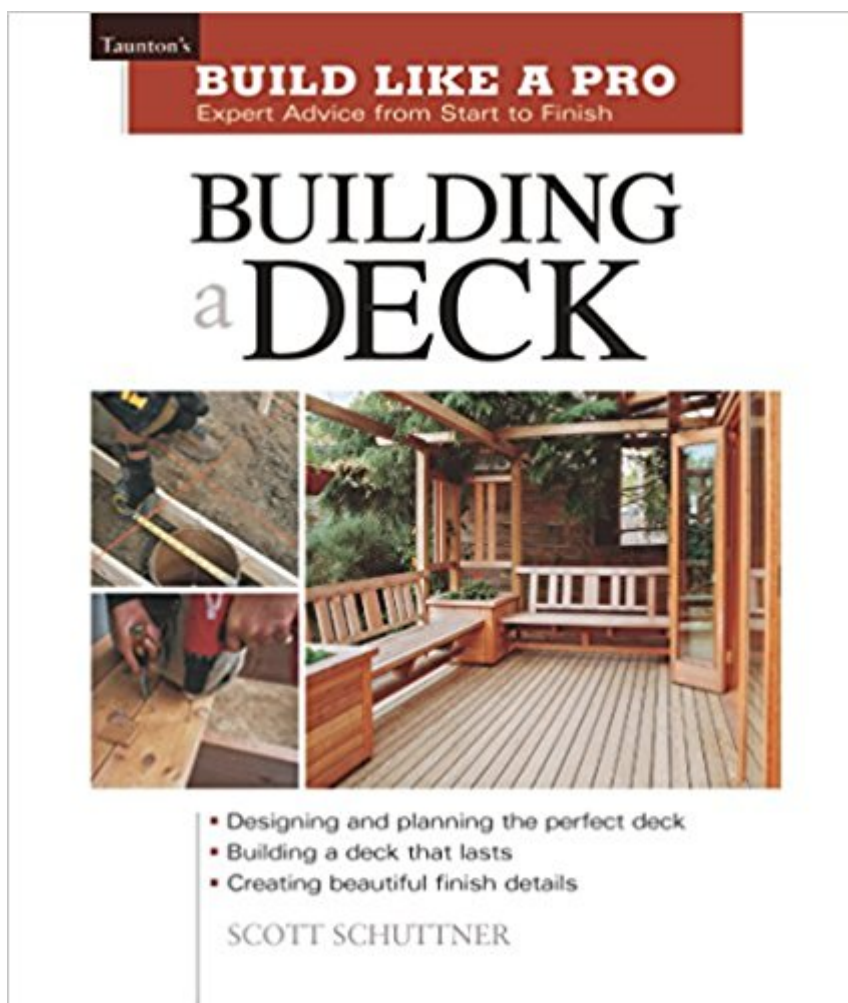


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# Building A Deck: Expert Advice From Start To Finish (Taunton's Build Like A Pro)



## Synopsis

The definitive guide to building the most popular exterior construction project there is, Building a Deck walks you through the entire process of creating a quality, custom deck: from the planning stages, through construction, to the custom details that can make your deck one of a kind. This is pro-level information carefully explained and presented so that a serious do-it-yourself can tackle building a deck with confidence. In this edition of Taunton's Build Like a Pro series, home builder and carpenter Scott Schuttner shares his tried-and-true techniques as well as a host of alternative methods, all in step-by-step detail, to create a clear and thorough resource for serious do-it-yourselfers and professionals alike. This book will bring you: valuable advice on the practical side of building and design issues that will save you time and money in-depth information on the trickier parts of the construction process, such as building foundations in severe climates, special structural considerations, and customizing the deck professional tips and trade secrets for nearly every step of the process

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## Customer Reviews

Scott Schuttner is a contributor for Taunton Press titles including Basic Stairbuilding.

Building a Deck (Build Like A Pro)My construction experience includes home additions, house remodeling/renovation, and many indoor upgrades, but only one deck. So, when we decided to replace our own old deck with one using the latest materials, a how-to book was in order. After

reviewing deck books at local stores, this one stood out as the most useful. Cons:- This book was written in 2002 and needs a major revision to incorporate current building materials. For example, the deck railing chapter talks mostly about building railings out of wood. The same is true for decking, where almost the entire focus is on wood. The author devotes a page or so to Trex and a few other materials available in 2002, but a host of newer products are now available. Today, there are a wide variety of composite planking (plastics & wood) choices; all synthetic decking such as Azek deck "boards

Not really a beginners guide as much as a general tips book.

The Bible of deck building!!! Can't recommend it highly enough!

great book

Full of vvvry useful information. Well written and easy to follow.

All you need to build a really great deck

My wife and I successfully built a deck using this book 2 years ago. Planned, submitted plans to village got building permit and final inspection. It felt good to accomplish such a large task with only 2 people who are not carpenters and haven't built a deck before. The deck is around 300 sq. ft. so it is not small. The book has all the information you need to build a solid deck. It also includes information on problems you could run into and ideas for customizing the deck. We are now building a smaller 100 sq. ft. deck for the front of our house. Believe me, we could not have done this without this great book.

I was able to complete my dream deck with this book. It was the frist one I had built so I was a little apprehensive on whether or not it would turn out that great. But after getting quotes of upwards of 6000\$ from contractors, and then never being called back, I struck out to design and build it my self. This book goes step by step through the whole process with great color photos and tips. I have used the 'Build Like a Pro' series for a kitchen remodel as well and really like their style. They are well worth the money.

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