DIY (Do-It-Yourself) home improvement in New Zealand

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Do-it-yourself home improvement (DIY) is considered a defining characteristic of Kiwi identity and the New Zealand way-of-life, with a 2009 home improvement advertisement boasting that DIY is in our ... [Show full abstract]

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Do-it-yourself projects provide many benefits besides saving money. See how DIY, such as replacing a dishwasher, is rewarding and fun. The dishwasher is broken, and it needs to be replaced. It’s time for a new bookcase, and a custom model is the best choice for the space in question. The carpet is stained, and putting in a tile floor will make it much easier to keep the house clean. What do all of these things have in common? They are all projects that homeowners can hire someone else to do for them or that homeowners can do themselves. Of course, hiring someone else to do the project may be more convenient. The Readers Digest Complete Do-It-Yourself Manual is, IMO, the best. It is easy to understand and thorough. I own a very old copy, and have given many as gifts. The other book that I find invaluable, is Pocket Ref 4th Edition: Thomas Glover: 9781885071620: Amazon.com: Books. I don’t know of any books, but there’s a new app called Chrysmo that connects you with home improvement/repair pros for advice, instructions, and general questions about these topics. You can ask questions and share photos by chat, audio or video call. As an added bonus, if you’re in the Charlotte, NC area, the expert can refer you to a local contractor for in-home help if the project ends up being too big or something you don’t want to take on yourself. Best Answer: Do it yourself, often referred to by the acronym DIY, is a term used by various communities that focus on people (called do-it-yourselfers or DIYers) creating or repairing things for themselves without the aid of “on-duty, work-stationed” paid professionals. Many DIYers may in fact be off-duty or retired professionals. The notion is related in philosophy to the Arts and Crafts movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In other words, home improvement done by the householder without the aid of paid professionals. In recent years, the term DIY has taken on a broader meaning that covers a wide range of skill sets. Today, for example, DIY is associated with the international alternative and hardcore music scenes.