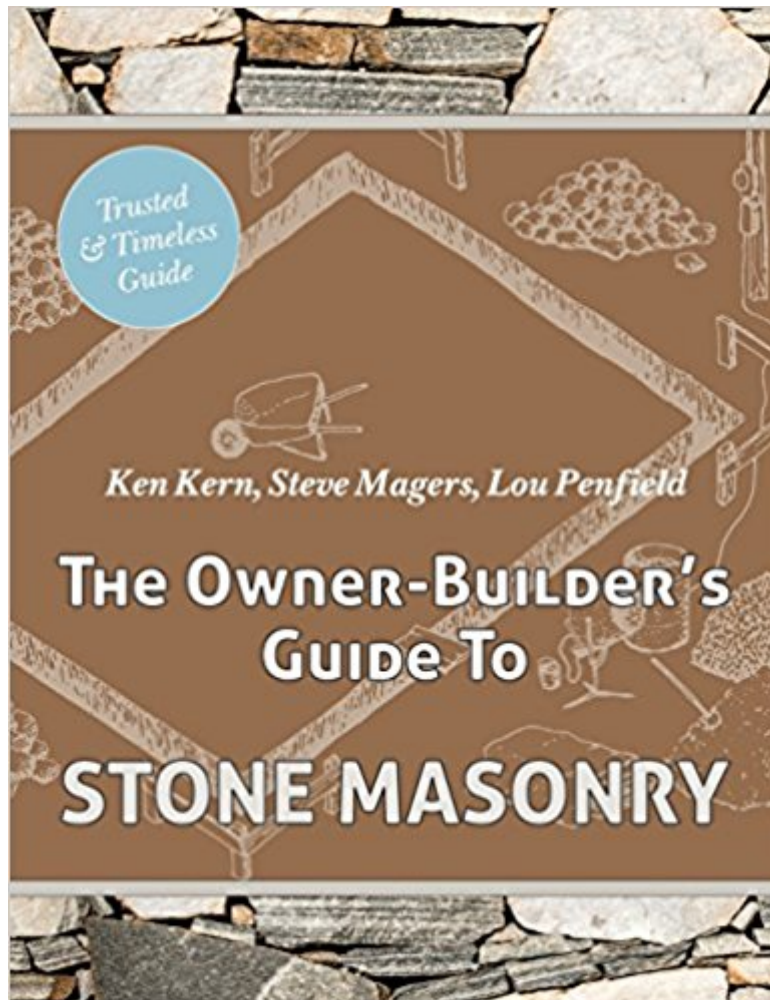




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The Owner Builder's Guide To Stone Masonry



Synopsis

From simple stone walls to elaborate homes and studios, this is the ideal book for any DIY builder interested in working with stone. Thanks to its utility and cost-effectiveness, stone is an ideal construction resource for the astute owner-builder. Cheap and readily available, rock can be gathered from streambeds, abandoned quarries, and open fields with relative ease. In fact, you'd be hard-pressed to find a natural landscape devoid of building stone. In this book, beloved home-building expert Ken Kern teams up with fellow stone masons Steve Magers and Lou Penfield to present the ultimate guide to DIY stone masonry. THE OWNER-BUILDER'S GUIDE TO STONE MASONRY is a comprehensive guide to all aspects of building with stone. Everything from detailed information on sourcing, sorting, and selecting stones, to the various methods of building with stone. There are even chapters on building fireplaces, steps, floors, and arches.

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I was looking for a book to cover veneer stonework for my fireplace and kitchen island. Many of the books out there only cover drystacking. This book covers everything that I needed. It is amazing that there are so few books on this subject. This book had good basic instruction for building walls that don't fall down, how to cut the stone, how to mortar the walls, how to use angle iron for openings. It also showed how to attach veneer stone to an existing wall, which was really what I needed. I liked that this book showed what happens when things go wrong. His "bad" examples are

priceless, although you sometimes have to find it for yourself in the pictures. And for the first time, I understand why you need to keep mortar wet until it cures, something that the instructions on the bags say to do but never WHY you must do it, or what happens if you choose to skip that step. I have a few Black and Decker books on backyard projects that are such a joke. They show everything working out perfectly and that is NEVER how it happens. Still, there is room for improvement...there could have been color photographs, more photo annotation, and more diagrams for some of the alternative stone building methods in the back.

I actually purchased this book for someone else, but did take time to glance through it. I am satisfied with this purchase and think it will be helpful for the projects we have in mind.

Excellent read. I picked up some good ideas about laying stone and will use this book as a reference.

just what I needed. Has many good ideas and hints and shortcuts.

Good book. it would be nice if it was still in print.

excellent and useful information

I was so happy to have found this book for sale as I had been looking for one for over thirty years. That's a service hard to come by. Thank you and all of your associates.

Buyer Beware. I found a much better, more comprehensive book at Lowe's for half the price, and no shipping. This book is advertised elsewhere new for over 170 bux, and from the pumped up reviews only natural to think you're getting a pretty fair price on a used copy for 35.00. I thought considering all the hype, it had to be the definitive book on rock masonry. However, this is misleading information. This book is out of print, not all that great to begin with, black and white photos and a few case histories. No new or modern applications such as running french drains or using anything developed in the last 40 years are described since it was published circa 70's (sold for 6 bux..you do the math for your used dogeared copy out of print but being advertised new for 170-400 bux). Pretty average information, and much better stuff out there. Plus, if you try to return it stating these facts you will be charge yet more shipping and a 20% restocking from Daily Deals.

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