

New Homeowner's Tool Box



To the new homeowner, assembling a starter tool kit can be a difficult task. What tools do I need? How many or what size of this tool do I need? This list will help you find the answers to these questions and can help you create a minimum tool resource for handling household tasks.

Electric Drill:

An electric drill is an essential tool for drilling holes; it can also work as a screwdriver.

Hammer:

You will need a claw hammer with at least a 16-ounce weighted head.

How-To Manual:

An informative household how-to manual can be one of the best tools in your tool kit. Some good ones are: *Better Homes & Gardens Complete Guide to Home Repair Maintenance and Improvement*, *Season By Season Guide To Home Maintenance*, *Home Improvement 1-2-3*, and *Reader's Digest New Complete Do-It-Yourself Manual*.

Molly Bolts:

Use molly bolts in pre-drilled holes or use self-driving molly bolts when hanging pictures or curtain rods on hollow walls.

Nails & Screws:

Basic assortments of both nails and screws can be purchased in a variety of sizes for different household projects.

Pliers & Wrench:

Needlenose pliers are great for small projects like pulling out staples or small nails. Slip-joint pliers adjust to varying size grips to handle different size tasks. An adjustable wrench works similar to the slip-joint pliers; however, it is usually used for larger items.

Screwdrivers:

You will need both a medium-sized slot and phillips head screwdriver. They both are useful for a wide range of projects.

Miscellaneous:

Your kit should also include a heavy-duty 25-ft. three-prong plug extension cord, measuring tape, scissors, and a putty knife, string, electric tape, wire, masking tape, "super" glue, a flashlight, and a level are also good to have on hand.