

Eddie Stone's

Top 10 DIY Tips

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DIY master or disaster?

Does using your electric drill, fill you with dread?
Why is that some people seem to be “naturals” when it comes to DIY?

Here are Eddie Stone's 10 TOP TIPS to help YOU achieve tip-top results.

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TAKE YOUR TIME

Don't try to rush through tasks that you don't look forward to doing. Allow enough time, new work experiences usually take longer than you think.

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PLAN AHEAD

Do you have the tools and materials that you will need?

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“MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE”

A very common phrase used by all tradesmen.

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LET THE CUTTING EDGE OF YOUR TOOL DO THE WORK

Whether you're drilling, sawing or planing don't try and force it through. Let the cutting tip cut. You wouldn't force your razor through your beard or shave your legs as fast as you could. It's the same principle with any cutting tool.

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BE ORGANISED

A tidy work space, is a “happy” workplace. If you're putting together a flat-pack kit, segregate and count all of the components. It will save time and energy during the construction stage.

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BE OBSESSIVE

... regarding squareness, plumbness and levelness. Get a decent spirit level and practice using it. All construction building work relies on this.

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DRILL STRAIGHT!

It's an important skill to master. An easy way to practice is to use a flat wood bit, sometimes called a “spade” bit. Drill on a piece of spare wood. As you drill, the hole should form evenly. If the emerging hole is a crescent shape then you're not drilling square on. Adjust your drill's position and retry until you can see and feel it's right.

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BUY MATCHING BRANDS FOR BEST RESULTS

Products are generally designed to work together, i.e. if you use brand X undercoat for painting use the same brand X for the top coat. They are chemically designed to bond together. Companies invest a lot to get their products as good as they can (trust us on this one we know). Take advantage of this for best results for your DIY project.

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STORE YOUR TOOL COLLECTION SAFELY

Have a designated store place for your tools. You will always know where they are and that they are out of harms way. You don't want anyone else touching or moving them. Spending time looking for tools is frustrating and you certainly want to keep them out of children's reach.

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LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

You only have one set of eyes, ears and lungs. Goggles, ear defenders and dust masks are imperative. If you're moving heavy items such as concrete slabs get some steel toe capped footwear.

The above ten top tips are from Eddie Stone, co-founder of the colour coded Drill Bit Kit, for easy masonry fixing.

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