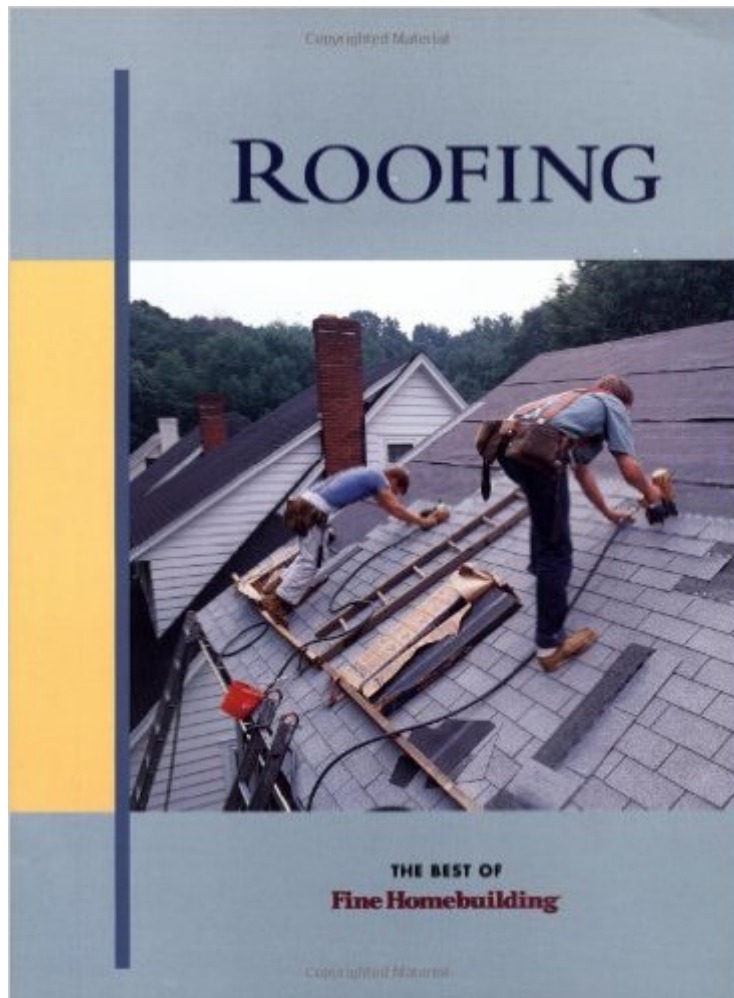


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# Roofing (Best Of Fine Homebuilding)



## Synopsis

A collection of 20 articles from "Homebuilding" magazine on choosing and applying all kinds of roofing materials, including asphalt, slate, tile and metal. It offers field-tested application techniques and presents a variety of roofing choices.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is actually a collection of articles from Fine Homebuilding magazine. It is not a complete do-it-yourself guide, but an excellent compliment to other reference guides and how-to books. The photography is absolutely top notch, and virtually every page has multiple pictures. While the book includes some rather obscure subjects such as roofing with sod and thatching, there are several articles which I consider essential reading for anyone contemplating their first roofing job. Some of the best include "Tearing Off Old Roofing" and "Roofing with Asphalt Shingles". These articles, as with most of them, contain valuable tips and techniques from experienced craftsmen. It's worth mentioning again that the photography alone is worth the purchase price. Don't make this the only book you purchase as a first-time roofer, but definitely include it on your list.

I just bought a 5 year old house that has a common metal roof with overlapping panels. Some were not installed properly so I went looking for more information. This book has a chapter on metal roofing, but it is like an afterthought and doesn't delve into the various types. Except for the standing

seam type, there is no detail on the joining of common metal roofing in use today. Why the author devotes 6 pages to thatched roofing and only 5 to metal roofing befuddles me.

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