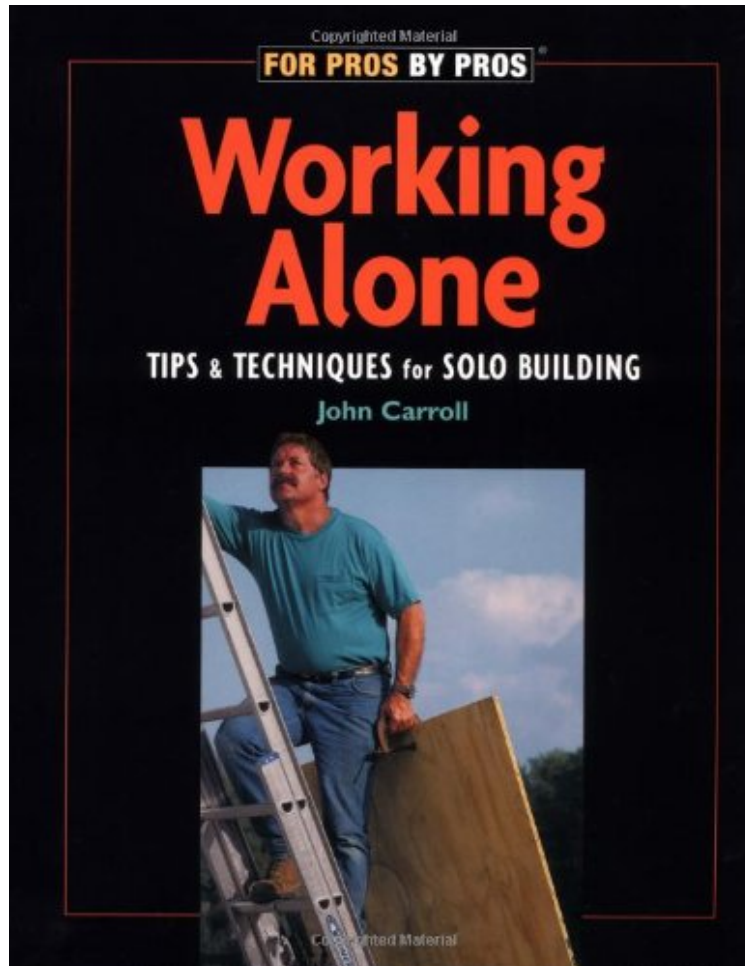


# Working Alone: Tips Techniques for Solo Building (For Pros By Pros)

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**John Carroll : Working Alone: Tips Techniques for Solo Building (For Pros By Pros)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Working Alone: Tips Techniques for Solo Building (For Pros By Pros):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. This should be a basic-text in high-school...By Kaizen: Systematic, Continuous, Objective Improvement/Realization. A.K.A. Science.One of the most important things mentioned in the book is that when you don't work alone,you tend to work in ways that ASSUME dependency:getting help to do things that could be done better alone,or doing things in wasteful ways, just because that's the unconscious-default...Whereas, when working alone, one HAS to plan more, think more, but...the /benefit/ of working alone is that one can work one's own right way...One of the few things he says he won't bother doing alone is the layout-work for a first foundation( if

you're adding, you use the foundation that is already there, measure from it...if you're putting in the first foundation on a site, NOTHING is there, so all your measurements are on the raw ground, and having someone else there to help make certain everything gets laid-out right definitely helps )He notes that when you build a roof with help, you probably use trusses, to cut down the time need to do it...but when you work alone, you probably stick-build the roof, because you can't manage/manoeuvre a truss...Use C-clamps for putting handles on plywood...( that's what he's done in the cover-photo )etc...This and the "Corps Business: the 30 MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES of the US Marines" by David H. Freedman ( Forbes senior editor, not a Marine ) both push the self-sufficiency ATTITUDE, and help build capable people...John Carroll, thank you. ( :1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It was OKBy ct27gtHas a few useful tips but not as many as I had hoped. The biggest tricks I learned were using the c-clamp for carrying sheet goods as portrayed on the cover and getting a 48" metal ruler. An explanation of various types of clamps was also useful. A little too much masonry info for my taste. Wish there was more info on laying out projects and getting things square, hanging large sheet goods, handling large lumber, etc. Might have missed it the first go around, but I was hoping for better organization.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book has some valuable info in it. It ...By DanielThis book has some valuable info in it. It was written in the 90's so some things are outdated but overall a book you shouldn't be without.

If your'e working alone, this book will be your second set of hands. You won't have to wait for a helper or pass up a job that seems too difficult to do alone. And if you're a homeowner working on your own house, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish. Written by a builder with 30 years' experience, Working Alone is packed with more than 50 innovative tips and techniques. You'll learn how to handle nearly every aspect of home construction alone, from foundation layout to raising walls to building decks. This book, the only one of its kind, offers a myriad of unique solo solutions. A perfect example is the problem of bringing a large sheet of plywood up a ladder. Even with a helper, this is a difficult and dangerous task. But if a large C-clamp is fastened to one end of the plywood, it's easy to pull the sheet up the ladder from behind. Clever techniques like this will have you solving common problems safely and efficiently.

From Library JournalCarpenters will be enthusiastic about both these new efforts. Together they make a complete package for anyone interested in building. Spence has produced a hefty textbook-style guide to carpentry that covers the entire process of building from planning through finishing. The scope is impressiveA704 pages and 2300 black-and-white photographs and drawings, building codes, foundations, framing, doors and windows, exterior finishing, cabinet construction, and tools. Newer techniques, such as steel framing and popular trends, like post-and-beam construction, are covered in separate sections. The comprehensive safety section is outstanding. Many of the processes are way beyond the comfort zone of the average do-it-yourselfer; however, there is something here for everyone, beginner to expert. Most do-it-yourselfers have encountered jobs where they could have used three or four hands; Carroll, a solo homebuilder, has come to their rescue with a slim volume that shows many of the tricks he uses to safely and efficiently complete work on his own. Readers who have completed projects will be suprised at how much easier their projects would have been had they known Carroll's techniques. Using straightforward text and line-drawings, he shares a variety of tips and labor-saving techniques for masonry, framing, siding installation, measuring, and hanging drywall. He shows how to cope with problems such as the collapse of the overextended tape measure. There really isn't anything else like this book on the market. Spence's title will get greater use in the library because it is a more general reference title; but both are excellent and will appeal to both do-it-yourselfers and professionals. Recommended for larger public library collections.AJonathan N. Hershey, Akron-Summit Cty. P.L., Akron, OH Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.About the AuthorJohn Carroll began his career in the late 1960s roofing houses during summer vacations from high school.He is still building and repairing houses in and near Durham, NC. He is a frequent contributor to Fine Homebuilding and JLC magazines and is the author of three books on building.