I. Tool Basics

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Hand Tools

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The Use Of Tools

What is a surgeon without a scalpel? an angler without fishing tackle? the engraver without a stylus?

Tools are the extension of the ingenuity of humankind. The implementation of human dreams would have been impossible without them and that painting you just bought and had framed will never be properly hung if you cannot make good use of a hammer, screwdriver, and spirit level.

We have promised a basic book on home repair, and there is nothing more basic than proper instruction on the use of common tools. Most readers will already have had some experience with most of the tools in the following section. That is a far different thing from using those tools well. Consider the extra and-we hope-helpful hints that follow.



