



Workshop News

Special points of interest:

- Listen to Judy Browne Monday morning April 3 at 6:40am on KOSI 101.1!
- Visit our booth at the [Highlands Ranch Home & Garden Expo](#) (May 6 & 7)
- April & May Classes are scheduled - visit our website www.workshopforwomen.com
- Women Build House kick-off event is scheduled for Saturday May 13th!
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Did you know?

Drywall (aka wallboard or sheet-rock) was first invented in 1916 and was featured in the 1933 Chicago's World's Fair but didn't come into use in residential home building until after World War II. During the war the US Government was desperate to find faster and cheaper ways to build barracks and new bases. After the war home builders were reluctant to go back to the costly and time consuming use of lathe and plaster.

(excerpted from "Plaster Walls Fall by Postwar Wayside" by Arrol Gellner)

Why Should I Learn to Do It Myself?

Why should I learn to do it myself? This is a question I get asked quite often and the women that stopped by my booth at the Home & Patio show were no exception. Certainly, if I didn't believe it was important I would have never devoted so much time and effort into creating Workshop for Women.

When I talk about basic home improvement skills I am not talking about building your own home, installing a deck or refinishing your basement (all of which you are capable of doing, but not the point of this article). I am referring to the simple everyday items like repairing drywall, hanging pictures and shelving, replacing light fixtures or building yourself a flower box or small bench.

In my opinion there are several reasons to learn how to do basic home improvement yourself.

#1 Knowledge is Power.

Any time you learn a new skill you are gifted with the power of choice. You may still choose to have someone else handle your basic home improvement tasks, but now it is a personal choice rather than a necessity.

#2 Knowledge is Power.

Maybe you say to yourself "I just don't have time to fix it myself!" and in our busy lives this is often the case. But what I am suggesting is that learning to do it yourself just makes sense. Do you really want to hire someone and pay them with your hard earned money when you don't even know what it is you are hiring them to do?

How will you know if

the job has been done correctly or professionally? How will you know how long it should take or what materials they should be using? Learning to do it yourself empowers you to make good choices when hiring a professional to take care of your home.

3 Knowledge is Power.

It isn't rocket science! When you learn basic home improvement skills your home is no longer a mystery. You discover that what's behind your walls isn't all that interesting and certainly not dangerous and that most things can be done quickly and easily with the right tools and the right information.

I guess that was only one reason, wasn't it?

Home & Patio Show Drawing Winners!

Thank you to all who took the time to stop by our booth at the Spring Home & Patio show. I enjoyed getting a chance to talk with so many wonderful women. I hope to see each of you in class sometime soon!

Some of you may have

entered the drawing to win a free class at the show. **Congratulations** to the following winners, Becky Anderson of Brighton, Carol Gray of Aurora, Jill Garofallou of Littleton and Liz Davis of Brighton. You will each receive a gift certi-

cate in the mail.

All other entrants in the drawing will receive a postcard that can be used to receive \$5 off any one class fee.

Thank You!