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***Guide to DIY
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in the Collection***

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Amateur Gardening, Sept 1961 – June 1987 - MJC/1

4 boxes of 122 staple-bound colour printed magazines.

This weekly consumer gardening magazine is the oldest and best selling in Britain. The publication is completely devoted to gardening and has articles that review gardening trends, news, give advice about planting and report on celebrity interest in gardening. Over the years the magazine has attracted experts and well-known writers and editors to contribute to its pages. Most of the copies that MoDA has are from the 1960s and 1970s with black and white text and pictures. However, a couple from the 1980s feature coloured advertisements and pictures.

F5.3, AMA 1 - AMA 4

Do It Herself, 1965-1968 - MJC/43

Nov 1965; May 1966; Nov 1967; Nov 1968;

Described as a 'practical guide for the woman about the house', this title appeared as an occasional supplement with Do It Yourself. Articles include features on choosing and using carpets; how to make a bookcase; cushion and lamp shade making; and how to bake bread. The publication also includes a wide variety of adverts relating to home improvements and decorating.

F5.6, DIY22

Do It Yourself, 1957-1978 - MJC/44

225 magazines in 22 boxes

An illustrated, monthly publication featuring a wide variety of DIY-related features. Articles include ideas for grandma's room; advice on bee keeping; and building your own caravan. Readers' contributions also feature, some in the form of articles such as 'Garage into room: how a reader created living space for his family'. The publication also includes a wide variety of adverts relating to home improvement and decorating. Some of the issues include the magazine Do It Herself as a supplement.

F5.5 - F5.6, DIY 1 - DIY 22

Golden Homes, 1972-1977 - MJC/62

7 bound volumes

Golden Homes, volume 1 - 14, 1972-1977;

Golden Homes, volume 15 - 30, 1972-1977;

Golden Homes, volume 31 - 42, 1972-1977;

Golden Homes, volume 43 - 56, 1972-1977;

Golden Homes, volume 57 - 70, 1972-1977;

Golden Homes, volume 71 - 84, 1972-1977;

Golden Homes, volume 85 - 98, 1972-1977;

A Marshall Cavendish encyclopaedia in 98 weekly parts. This was aimed at DIY consumers in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Singapore. Each volume contains a wealth of DIY based features intended as a 'guide to maintaining and improving your home'. Typical features included 'Repairing and Resurfacing Gardening Paving', 'Decorative Stencil Printing' and 'How to Repair Burst Pipes'. MoDA holds editions 1-98 in seven bound volumes.

G4.4

The Handyman's Construction Guide to Modern Living, ca. 1975 - BADDA4849

50 page booklet; diagrams; colour illustrations; colour front cover

Booklet published by the manufacturers of Contiboard and Contiplas unit furniture, giving instructions on how best to construct the furniture. It is aimed at both professionals and DIY enthusiasts and contains detailed instructions accompanied by diagrams and colour illustrations of finished room sets. Included are kitchen units, fitted bedroom furniture, bookcases, vanity units for bathrooms, room dividers and dining units.

E3.3, PAM 41

Home Handyman: the complete guide to improving your home, 1974 - BADDA4623

pp.169-196 : col ill ; 30cm.

Home Handyman magazine, 1974, including features on how to build your own smart shelving-storage unit, the use of glass and mirrors in interiors, and the basics of cement and concrete.

E3.1, PAM 22

Homemaker, 1956 - 1975 - MJC/71

99 magazines in 10 boxes

Homemaker, Mar-Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov-Dec 1959, issues 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 vol 1 (9) ;

Homemaker, January-Dec 1960, issue 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21 vol 2 (12);

Homemaker, January-Dec 1961, issue 22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33 vol 3 (12);

Homemaker, January-Feb, Apr-May, Jul-Dec 1962, Jan-June, Oct-Dec 1963 issue

34,35,37,38,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,55,56,57 vol 4 (19);

Homemaker, January-June 1964, issue 58,59,60,61,62,63 vol 5 (6);

Homemaker, July-Dec 1964, issue 64,65,66,67,68,69 vol 6 (6);
Homemaker Supplement, May 1965 issue;
Homemaker Supplement, November 1965 issue;
Homemaker, January-Sept, Nov-Dec 1965, issue 70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,80,81 vol 7 (11);
Homemaker Supplement, May 1966 issue;
Homemaker, January-Oct, Dec 1966, issue 82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92 vol 8 (10);
Homemaker Supplement, May 1967 issue;
Homemaker, January, Mar-Jul, Oct 1967, issue 94,96,97,98,99,100,103 vol 9 (7);
Homemaker, June 1973, issue 170, vol 15;
Homemaker, November 1975, issue 196, vol 17;

Monthly, illustrated magazine for DIY enthusiasts with an array of DIY-based advertisements, published by Odhams Press Ltd. Copies are divided into relevant section such as 'Home Improvements for all the Family' and 'Tools and Techniques'. Articles include 'Modernising a Small House', 'How to Dig', 'All About Weatherproofing' and 'Focal Points for a Room Without a Fire'.

F5.4, HOM 1 - HOM 10

The Knack, 1981-1983 - MJC/154

7 bound volumes containing parts 1-98. One separate issue, part 86.

The Knack: The Complete Manual of DIY Skills, Projects & Home Ideas. Weekly issue. Published by Marshall Cavendish, London. Printed by Artisan, Leicester. End date of publishing unknown.

G4.4; F6.5, MAG35

The Modern Painter and Decorator, c.1947 - MJC/95; BADDA922; BADDA1422-3

Copies held: Vols. 1-3. (x 2)

Described as 'A Practical Work on House Painting and Decorating', The Modern Painter and Decorator contains a variety of features on all kinds of painting and decorating techniques. Various sections include 'Wallpapers and Paperhangings', 'Graining and Marbling', 'Period Styles' and 'Paint and Colour Mixings'. There are also more business-oriented sections for the professional painter-decorator.

G4.5; D3.6, 698.1 JEN

The Modern Plumber and Sanitary Engineer, c.1927 - MJC/96

Copies held: 1927 (Vols. 1-6).

This title, which spans six volumes, is an excellent resource for any aspect of plumbing and sanitary engineering from hot-water services, drainage and sheet-lead work to gas appliances and installations and electric lighting. It was edited by Richard H. Bew and includes a number of illustrations, both colour and black and white, mathematical calculations and useful suggestions.

G2.6

Popular Gardening, 1960-1984 - MJC/113

Feb 1968, no.3585, vol. 70 Mar 1968, no.3592, vol. 70 April 1968, no.3597, vol. 70 May 1968, no.3600, vol. 70 June 1968, no.3602, vol. 70 June 1968, no.3603, vol. 70 June 1968, no.3604, vol. 70 Aug 1968, no.3612, vol. 70 Aug 1968, no.3615, vol. 70 Sept 1968, no.3616, vol. 70 Jan 1969, no.3634, vol. 71 Jan 1969, no.3636, vol. 71 Feb 1969, no.3638, vol. 71 Feb 1969, no.3639, vol. 71 Mar 1969, no.3644, vol. 71 April 1969, no.3649, vol. 71 July 1969, no.3659, vol. 71 Oct 1969, no.3675, vol. 71 Nov 1969, no.3679, vol. 71 Dec 1969, no.3682, vol. 71 Jan 1970, no.3688, vol. 72 Jan 1970, no.3689, vol. 72 Feb 1970, no.3691, vol. 72 July 1970, no.3712, vol. 72 July 1970, no.3713, vol. 72 Aug 1970, no.3715, vol. 72 Aug 1970, no.3716, vol. 72 Sept 1970, no.3720, vol. 72 Oct 1970, no.3726, vol. 72 Jan 1971, no.3741, vol. 73 Feb 1971, no.3744, vol. 73 Feb 1971, no.3745, vol. 73 Mar 1971, no.3748, vol. 73 April 1971, no.3752, vol. 73 Oct 1960, no.3201, vol. 62 Nov 1962, no.3311, vol. 64 May 1963, no.3339, vol. 65 June 1963, no.3345, vol. 65	Aug 1963, no.3351, vol. 65 Dec 1963, no.3369, vol. 65 Sept 1964, no.3408, vol. 66 Sept 1964, no.3409, vol. 66 Oct 1964, no.3412, vol. 66 Oct 1964, no.3415, vol. 66 Jan 1965, no.3424, vol. 67 Mar 1965, no.3433, vol. 67 June 1965, no.3449, vol. 67 Aug 1965, no.3455, vol. 67 Nov 1965, no.3468, vol. 67 Nov 1965, no.3471, vol. 67 Feb 1966, no.3481, vol. 68 July 1966, no.3500, vol. 68 Oct 1967, no.3571, vol. 69 Nov 1967, no.3574, vol. 69 Dec 1967, no.3577, vol. 69 Dec 1967, no.3580, vol. 69 May 1967, no.3546, vol. 69 Aug 1967, no.3562, vol. 69 Dec 1967, no.3576, vol. 69 Oct 1967, no.3570, vol. 69 Jan 1968, no.3583, vol. 70 May 1971, no.3754, vol. 73 May 1971, no.3756, vol. 73 May 1971, no.3757, vol. 73 June 1971, no.3761, vol. 73 June 1971, no.3762, vol. 73 July 1971, no.3763, vol. 73 Aug 1971, no.3769, vol. 73 Sept 1971, no.3773, vol. 73 Dec 1971, no.3786, vol. 73 Feb 1972, no.3795, vol. 74 April 1972, no.3803, vol. 74 April 1972, no.3804, vol. 74 May 1972, no.3806, vol. 74 May 1972, no.3809, vol. 74 June 1972, no.3810, vol. 74	July 1972, no.3815, vol. 74 July 1972, no.3816, vol. 74 July 1972, no.3817, vol. 74 July 1972, no.3818, vol. 74 Aug 1972, no.3819, vol. 74 Aug 1972, no.3821, vol. 74 Aug 1972, no.3822, vol. 74 Sept 1972, no.3824, vol. 74 Sept 1962, no.3825, vol. 74 Nov 1972, no.3831, vol. 74 Nov 1972, no.3833, vol. 74 Dec 1972, no.3835, vol. 74 Dec 1972, no.3839, vol. 74 Jan 1973, no.3841, vol. 75 Jan 1973, no.3842, vol. 75 Feb 1973, no.3845, vol. 75 Feb 1973, no.3846, vol. 75 Feb 1973, no.3847, vol. 75 Mar 1973, no.3848, vol. 75 June 1973, no.3862, vol. 75 July 1973, no.3866, vol. 75 July 1973, no.3867, vol. 75 July 1973, no.3868, vol. 75 July 1973, no.3869, vol. 75 Aug 1973, no.3872, vol. 75 Aug 1973, no.3873, vol. 75 Sept 1973, no.3874, vol. 75 Nov 1973, no.3884, vol. 75 Nov 1973, no.3886, vol. 75 Feb 1974, no.3894, vol. 76 Mar 1974, no.3897, vol. 76 April 1974, no.3903, vol. 76 Aug 1974, no.3913, vol. 76 Oct 1974, no.3921, vol. 76 Nov 1974, no.3926, vol. 76 Nov 1974, no.3927, vol. 76 Nov 1974, no.3929, vol. 76 Jan 1975, no.3935, vol. 77	Jan 1975, no.3936, vol. 77 Jan 1975, no.3937, vol. 77 Feb 1975, no.3939, vol. 77 Feb 1975, no.3940, vol. 77 Feb 1975, no.3941, vol. 77 Mar 1975, no.3945, vol. 77 Apr 1975, no.3947, vol. 77 May 1975, no.3952, vol. 77 Aug 1975, no.3968, vol. 77 Nov 1975, no.3981, vol. 77 Mar 1974, no.3900, vol. 76 Dec 1975, no.3982, vol. 77 Jan 1976, no.3990, vol. 78 Apr 1976, no.3999, vol. 78 May 1976, no.4003, vol. 78 May 1976, no.4005, vol. 78 Jun 1976, no.4010, vol. 78 Jun 1976, no.4011, vol. 78 July 1976, no.4014, vol. 78 July 1976, no.4015, vol. 78 Sept 1976, no.4022, vol. 78 Oct 1976, no.4029, vol. 78 Jan 1977, no.4042, vol. 79 Aug 1977, no.4070, vol. 79 Aug 1977, no.4072, vol. 79 Oct 1977, no.4078, vol. 79 Jan 1978, no.4093, vol. 80 Feb 1978, no.4094, vol. 80 Sept 1980, no.4229, vol. 83 Apr 1981, no.4259, vol. 83 May 1981, no.4261, vol. 83 Nov 1981, no.4288, vol. 83 Nov 1981, no.4289, vol. 83 Dec 1981, no.4291, vol. 83 Mar 1982, no.4304, vol. 84 Jun 1984, no.4419, vol. 86 18 loose pages from 1958,1961 & 1965 & no date
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This magazine touches mostly upon gardening news, advice and the latest gardening technologies available. It is mostly black and white with a few color photos to go with feature stories that include, 'Modern Battery Mowers', 'How to Plant a Conifer' and 'Climbers and Shrubs for Walls'. The many advertisements are mainly for seeds, flowers and plants.

F6.1

POP 1 - POP 5

Practical Decorating & Building, Oct 1967 - MJC/115

Oct. 1967.

MoDA holds one copy of this monthly DIY magazine, illustrated mainly in black and white. Articles featured include decorating in 3-D to bring relief to dull ceilings and flat walls; relationships between landlord and tenant; central heating facts; wet and dry rot; and adding value to your home.

F5.3, MAG 28

Practical Gardening, September 1964 - MJC/116

September 1964, issue 6, volume 5

This weekly magazine put out by Mercury House Publishing Limited, very much concentrates on giving its readers sound advice on how to grow a successful garden. Features include, 'Bulbs for Winter and Spring', 'All-Rounder Cabbage' and 'Pros and Cons of Picking'. Advertisers are florists, nursery shops, garden shed manufacturers, etc.

F3.4, MAG 10

Practical Home-building & Decorating, 1967-1970 - MJC/117

October 1967, issue 8, volume 1

October 1969, issue 8, volume 3

January 1970, issue 11, volume 3

February 1970, issue 12, volume 3

April 1970, issue 2, volume 4

May 1970, issue 3, volume 4

June 1970, issue 4, volume 4

July 1970, issue 5, volume 4

August 1970, issue 6, volume 4

September 1970, issue 7, volume 4

October 1970, issue 8, volume 4

November 1970, issue 9, volume 4

December 1970, issue 10, volume 4

A monthly DIY magazine, illustrated mainly in black and white. It contains an array of home DIY related advertisements and features a variety of practical ideas for home improvements, such as ornamental metalwork; patio patterns; fitting an extra toilet and two-piece stone fireplace surrounds. Also included are regular features which aim to answer readers' practical as well as legal queries, such as 'Dr. Dab's Problem Clinic' and 'The right side of the law'.

F5.3, MAG 28

Practical Householder, 1955-1978 - MJC/118

224 magazines in 15 boxes

First published in 1955 and edited by F.J. Camm, Practical Householder was the first DIY publication of its kind. Post-war Britain had embraced the concept of DIY wholeheartedly and Practical Householder was packed with features and illustrations showing the reader how to do such things as 'lay linoleum, re-enamel the bath, repair refrigerators, complete household plumbing and install electrical apparatus'.

F5.1, PRH 1; F5.2, PRH 15

Practical Woodworking, 1967-1973 - MJC/119

Oct 1967, issue 8, vol. 2

Jan 1969, issue 11, vol. 3

Mar 1969, issue 1, vol. 4

Aug 1969, issue 6, vol. 4

Nov 1969, issue 9, vol. 4

Oct 1970, issue 8, vol. 5

Sept 1971, issue 7, vol. 6

Oct 1971, issue 8, vol. 6

Nov 1971, issue 9, vol. 6

Sept 1972, issue 7, vol. 7

Oct 1972, issue 8, vol. 7

Nov 1972, issue 9, vol. 7

Dec 1972, issue 10, vol. 7

Jan 1973, issue 11, vol. 7

A monthly DIY magazine, illustrated mainly in black and white. Articles feature a variety of practical ideas for woodwork projects, such as restoring antique furniture; making a childproof medicine cabinet; and veneering. The publication also includes a regular feature aimed at young people written by A. Yarwood. It focuses on GCE, 'O' and 'A' Levels in woodwork, with questions and answers and a 'Homework Corner' to be done during the holidays.

F5.3, MAG 18

The Woodworker, May 1932 - August 1956;1901-1909 - MJC/151

Copies held: vol 1, Oct 1901 - Sept 1902 vol 2, October 1902 - March 1903 vol 4, October 1903 - March 1904 vol 5, April - September 1904 vol 6, October 1904 - March 1905	vol 7, April - September 1905 vol 8, October 1905 - September 1906 vol 9, October 1906 - September 1907 vol 10, October 1907 - September 1908 vol 11, October 1908 - March 1909 vol 12, April - September 1909	May, July, 1932 (2) Feb, June, 1933 (2) Apr, Dec 1936 (2) June 1939 (1) Apr 1940 (1) Aug 1949 (1) Jan, Jun, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 1950 (8) Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 1951 (12)	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 1952 (12) Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 1953 (12) Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, July, Sept, Oct, Nov, 1954 (9) Apr, Aug 1956 (2)
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A monthly publication aimed at the amateur carpenter, featuring a mix of designs for readers to follow (eg. 'Make Your Own Trailer Caravan'), plus some short articles. At some point in the 1930s, the title was shortened from The Woodworker to simply Woodworker. Except for the graphic style of some illustrations, the appearance as well as the content of this magazine alters very little from the early 1930s through to the mid-1950s.

F5.1, WOO 1 - WOO 2