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# Astra's DIY Tool Guide

MY MUST-HAVE TOOLS  
FOR HOME PROJECTS



PRACTICAL  
TOOLS



REAL  
PROJECTS



REAL  
CONFIDENCE



A BRIGHTER  
HOME

Same Home.  
New Possibilities.  
♡

Plan.  
Build.  
Improve.  
Love It.  
♡





# Hey, I'm Astra

DIY LOVER, HOME ENTHUSIAST  
& REAL ESTATE PRO

I believe a home should be a reflection of the people who live in it — a place that feels beautiful, functional, and fully you. Whether I'm tackling a DIY project, sharing home inspiration, hunting for the perfect property, or helping someone buy or sell a home, I'm here for it all.

This guide is a collection of my favorite tools, tips, and real-world advice to help you take on your own home projects with confidence. My hope is that it inspires you to create a home you love — one project at a time.

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# How to Use This Guide

REAL TOOLS. REAL PROJECTS. REAL RESULTS.

This guide was created to be your go-to resource for DIY projects around your home. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to build on the skills you already have, I'll walk you through the essential tools, share practical tips, and give you real project inspiration to help you create a home you love — without the overwhelm.

*Here's what you'll find.* ♥



## TOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

My tried-and-true tools for every project.



## REAL PROJECTS

Practical ideas and inspiration you can actually do.



## BEGINNER TIPS

Simple guidance to help you feel confident.



## HOME MAINTENANCE

The tools that keep your home looking (and working) great.



## DIRECT LINKS

Easy ways to shop my picks at trusted retailers.

*Let's build something great!* ♥

Big Plans:  
✓ Learn  
✓ Create  
✓ Improve  
✓ Love where I live ♥





# DIY Starter Kit

*The Essentials Everyone Needs*

If you're just getting started, these are the basic tools I recommend having on hand. They'll help you tackle a wide range of projects around your home and give you the confidence to do more yourself!



**BUILD  
SKILLS**



**SAVE  
MONEY**



**CREATE  
FREEDOM**

*A solid foundation for any project!*

*Start here.*

- ☐ Hammer
- ☐ Screwdriver Set (Phillips & Flathead)
- ☐ Adjustable Wrench
- ☐ Pliers
- ☐ Utility Knife
- ☐ Tape Measure
- ☐ Level
- ☐ Stud Finder
- ☐ Drill/Driver
- ☐ Drill Bits (various sizes)
- ☐ Measuring Square
- ☐ Caulk Gun
- ☐ Paint Roller & Tray
- ☐ Safety Glasses
- ☐ Work Gloves
- ☐ Dust Mask/Respirator

*Build from here.*



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## HAMMER

A must-have for hanging, assembling and light demolition.



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## SCREWDRIVER SET

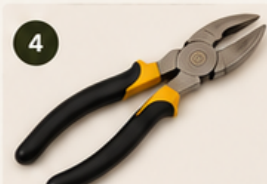
Get both Phillips and flathead in multiple sizes for any project.



3

## ADJUSTABLE WRENCH

Perfect for nuts, bolts and plumbing projects.



4

## PLIERS

Great for gripping, twisting and cutting.



5

## UTILITY KNIFE

Essential for cutting carpet, packaging, drywall and more.



6

## TAPE MEASURE

Measure twice, DIY once. A 25' tape is perfect for most projects.



7

## LEVEL

Helps make sure your projects are straight and professional.



8

## STUD FINDER

Helps you locate studs behind drywall for safe and secure installation.



9

## DRILL/DRIVER

Makes assembling, installing and building so much easier.



10

## DRILL BITS

Keep a variety of sizes for wood, metal and masonry projects.



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# Hand Tools

*Small Tools.  
Big Impact. ♥*

These are the everyday hand tools I reach for on almost every project. They're affordable, reliable, and make DIY so much easier — whether you're hanging décor, building furniture, or tackling a bigger weekend project.

*The right tools make all the difference. ♥*

*Good Tools  
Brighter Homes ♥*

*Pro Tip:*

*You don't need every tool right away. Start with the basics, add as your skills grow, and invest in quality — it's worth it! ♥*

## HAND TOOL CHECKLIST

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- ☐ Screwdriver set
- ☐ Adjustable wrench
- ☐ Pliers
- ☐ Utility knife
- ☐ Tape measure
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# Power Tools

*Do More  
With Less Effort. ♥*

Power tools take your projects to the next level. They save time, give you professional-looking results, and make bigger projects feel totally doable. These are the essential power tools I recommend for any DIYer's toolkit.



BUILD  
CREATE  
DIY  
REPEAT  
♥

*More  
Capability  
More  
Creativity  
A Brighter Home. ♥*

*Pro Tip:  
Invest in quality  
tools – they last  
longer, perform  
better and make  
DIY so much  
easier (and  
more fun)! ♥*

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You don't need every  
tool right away – build  
your collection as your  
skills and projects grow.  
Quality over quantity  
always wins! ♥*

## POWER TOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Cordless drill/driver
- ☐ Circular saw
- ☐ Jigsaw
- ☐ Impact driver
- ☐ Orbital sander
- ☐ Reciprocating saw
- ☐ Miter saw
- ☐ Multi-tool
- ☐ Brad nailer
- ☐ Heat gun
- ☐ Shop vac
- ☐ Air compressor



### CORDLESS DRILL/DRIVER

The most versatile power tool. Use it for drilling holes and driving screws.



### CIRCULAR SAW

Perfect for making clean, straight cuts on lumber, paneling, and more.



### JIGSAW

Great for curved cuts and detail work in wood, laminate, and other materials.



### IMPACT DRIVER

Delivers more torque than a drill, making it ideal for driving screws quickly and efficiently.



### ORBITAL SANDER

Makes sanding fast and easy for a smooth, professional finish.



### RECIPROCATING SAW

Perfect for demolition projects, cutting through wood, metal, and PVC.



### MITER SAW

Ideal for precise, angled cuts — perfect for trim, molding, and framing projects.



### MULTI-TOOL

A game-changer for DIYers. Cuts, sands, scrapes, and more in tight spaces.



### BRAD NAILER

Makes trim, molding, and DIY wood projects look clean and professional.



### HEAT GUN

Great for removing paint, loosening adhesive, and a variety of DIY projects.



### SHOP VAC

Keeps your workspace clean and makes any project easier.



### AIR COMPRESSOR

Powers nailers, staplers and other pneumatic tools for bigger projects.





# Measuring & Layout Tools

*Measure Twice.  
Build It Right. ♥*

Accurate measurements are the key to a successful project. These tools help you plan, measure, and mark with confidence — so you get professional results, avoid costly mistakes, and bring your vision to life.

*Details  
Create  
Dream  
Spaces. ♥*

## MEASURING & LAYOUT TOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Tape measure
- ☐ Laser level
- ☐ Level
- ☐ Combination square
- ☐ Speed square
- ☐ Stud finder
- ☐ Measuring wheel
- ☐ Marking tools
- ☐ Chalk line
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ Notepad

## Pro Tip:

*A little planning goes a long way. Measure, mark, and double-check before you cut. ♥*

1



### TAPE MEASURE

A 25' tape measure is perfect for most home projects. Look for a sturdy, easy-to-read option.

2



### LASER MEASURE

Quick, accurate measurements — especially helpful for larger spaces.

3



### LEVEL

Helps you get straight cuts and even surfaces. A must-have for shelving, cabinetry, and more.

4



### COMBINATION SQUARE

Perfect for marking 90° angles, checking measurements, and layout work.

5



### SPEED SQUARE

A versatile tool for measuring, marking angles, and checking cuts quickly.

6



### STUD FINDER

Helps you locate studs behind drywall for secure installations.

7



### MEASURING WHEEL

Perfect for larger spaces, driveways, and outdoor projects.

8



### MARKING TOOLS

Pencils, markers, and chalk lines help you make clear, visible marks for accurate cuts and placement.





# Prep & Finishing Tools

*Smoother Finishes.  
Big Impact. ♥*

The right prep and finishing tools help you get a professional look and make your projects last. From filling holes to sanding surfaces and applying the perfect coat of paint, these tools will help you tackle the final steps with confidence.

*Prep  
Repair  
Paint  
Transform ♥*

A BRIGHTER  
HOME  
IS ALWAYS  
A GOOD IDEA ♥

*Pro Tip:*

*Preparation is everything! Take the time to prep properly and your finish will look better and last so much longer. ♥*

## PREP & FINISH TOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Putty knife set
- ☐ Spackle
- ☐ Sanding block or sander
- ☐ Sandpaper (various grits)
- ☐ Paint roller & frame
- ☐ Paint brushes (various sizes)
- ☐ Paint tray & liners
- ☐ Drop cloths
- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Caulk gun
- ☐ Caulk
- ☐ Cleaning supplies

1



### PUTTY KNIFE SET

Perfect for filling holes, scraping, and spreading spackle or joint compound.

2



### SPACKLE

Fills nail holes, cracks and imperfections for a smooth, clean finish.

3



### SANDING BLOCK & PAPER

Helps smooth surfaces for the best results. Keep a variety of grits on hand (80, 120, 220).

4



### PAINT BRUSHES

Use different sizes for trim, doors, cabinets and detail work.

5



### PAINT ROLLER & FRAME

Great for walls, ceilings and larger surfaces. Look for a high-quality roller cover.

6



### PAINT TRAY & LINERS

Keeps paint contained and makes cleanup quick and easy. Use liners to save time.

7



### PAINTER'S TAPE

Helps you get clean, crisp lines and protects surfaces from paint.

8



### CAULK GUN & CAULK

Essential for sealing gaps, trim and joints. Look for a paintable, flexible caulk.

9



### DROP CLOTHS

Protect your floors and furniture from paint, dust and debris.

10



### CLEANING SUPPLIES

Keep your space clean during (and after) your project.





# Safety Gear & Extras

*Work Smarter.  
Stay Safer. ♥*

A few simple safety essentials and helpful extras can make a big difference. These items help protect you, keep your workspace organized, and make your DIY projects smoother, cleaner, and more enjoyable.

*Safety  
Creates  
Freedom  
to DIY More. ♥*

*Pro Tip:  
A safe, organized workspace makes DIY more fun! Take care of yourself, your tools, and your space – you'll get better results and enjoy the process so much more. ♥*

## SAFETY & EXTRAS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Safety glasses
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ Dust mask/respirator
- ☐ Hearing protection
- ☐ Knee pads
- ☐ Drop cloths
- ☐ Tool bag or toolbox
- ☐ Organizers (bins, cases)
- ☐ Step ladder
- ☐ Extension cords
- ☐ Work light
- ☐ Café or playlist (optional!)

1



### SAFETY GLASSES

Protect your eyes while cutting, drilling, sanding and more.

2



### WORK GLOVES

Keep your hands safe and get a better grip.

3



### DUST MASK/RESPIRATOR

Helps protect you from dust, paint fumes and airborne particles.

4



### HEARING PROTECTION

Reduces noise and protects your ears during louder projects.

5



### KNEE PADS

Keep your knees comfortable during floor projects, gardening and more.

6



### DROP CLOTHS

Protect your floors, furniture and surfaces from paint, dust and debris.

7



### TOOL BAG OR TOOLBOX

Keeps your tools organized and easy to carry from room to room.

8



### ORGANIZERS

Great for screws, nails, anchors and other small parts. Keep everything in its place.

9



### STEP LADDER

A must-have for reaching higher areas safely.

10



### EXTENSION CORDS

Gives you the extra reach you need for power tools and work lights.

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### WORK LIGHT

Brightens up your workspace and helps you see the details.





# Tool Care & Organization

*Take Care  
So They're Always There. ♥*

A little care and organization goes a long way. Keeping your tools clean, protected, and easy to find will help them last longer, work better, and save you time on every project.

*Organized Tools  
Create  
A Calmer,  
Happier Home. ♥*

GOOD TOOLS  
BRIGHTER HOMES ♥

*Pro Tip:  
Clean your tools  
after each project,  
store them properly,  
and do a quick check  
regularly. A few minutes  
now saves you money  
(and frustration) later! ♥*

## TOOL CARE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Wipe tools after each use
- ☐ Remove dust and debris
- ☐ Check for damage or wear
- ☐ Keep blades sharp
- ☐ Lubricate moving parts
- ☐ Store in a dry place
- ☐ Use cases, bins or a toolbox
- ☐ Label and organize
- ☐ Replace worn items
- ☐ Keep a basic inventory



### 1 CLEAN YOUR TOOLS

Wipe down tools after each use to remove dust, dirt and debris. A clean tool works better and lasts longer.



### 2 LUBRICATE MOVING PARTS

Keep tools running smoothly with a little lubricant. This prevents rust and extends the life of your tools.



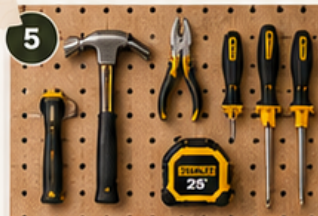
### 3 USE CASES OR A TOOLBOX

Keep your tools protected, organized and easy to transport.



### 4 ORGANIZE SMALL PARTS

Use bins, jars or organizers to keep screws, nails and other small items sorted and easy to find.



### 5 CREATE A HOME

A pegboard, shelves or cabinets keep your tools visible, accessible and clutter-free.



### 6 KEEP BLADES SHARP

Sharp blades make cleaner cuts, are safer to use and help you get professional results.



### 7 CARE FOR BATTERIES

Store in a cool, dry place, keep them charged, and follow manufacturer guidelines for the best performance.



### 8 STORE IN A DRY PLACE

Moisture can cause rust and damage. Keep your tools in a dry, temperature-controlled space when possible.



### 9 DO A QUICK CHECK

Regularly inspect your tools for wear, damage or loose parts so they're always ready to go.



### 10 STAY ORGANIZED

Label, group and keep an inventory of your tools. An organized space makes DIY more enjoyable and efficient.





# Astra's DIY Toolbox Checklist

Print this, save it, and take it with you! ♥

The right tools  
make any project  
possible! ♥

Build  
a well-stocked  
toolbox, and  
you'll be ready  
for any project  
that comes  
your way.

Check it off.  
Get it done. ♥

## STARTER KIT

- ☐ Hammer
- ☐ Screwdriver Set
- ☐ Adjustable Wrench
- ☐ Pliers
- ☐ Utility Knife
- ☐ Tape Measure
- ☐ Level
- ☐ Stud Finder

## CUT & BUILD

- ☐ Miter Saw
- ☐ Circular Saw
- ☐ Jigsaw
- ☐ Table Saw
- ☐ Clamps
- ☐ Woodworking Square
- ☐ Reciprocating Saw
- ☐ Multi-Tool

## MEASURING & LAYOUT

- ☐ Tape Measure (25 ft)
- ☐ Level
- ☐ Speed Square
- ☐ Stud Finder
- ☐ Carpenter's Pencil
- ☐ Laser Level
- ☐ Measuring Wheel
- ☐ Combination Square

## PAINTING & FINISHING

- ☐ Paint Roller & Frame
- ☐ Paint Brushes
- ☐ Roller Covers
- ☐ Paint Tray
- ☐ Painter's Tape
- ☐ Caulk Gun
- ☐ Spackle & Putty Knife
- ☐ Sanding Block/Sander

## DRILLS & FASTENING

- ☐ Cordless Drill/Driver
- ☐ Impact Driver
- ☐ Drill Bit Set
- ☐ Screwdriver Bit Set
- ☐ Wood Screws
- ☐ Wall Anchors
- ☐ Brad Nailer
- ☐ Air Compressor

## SAFETY GEAR & EXTRAS

- ☐ Safety Glasses
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- ☐ Hearing Protection
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GOOD  
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STANLEY  
25'

Measure  
Plan  
Build  
Improve  
Repeat ♥





# Pro Tips for DIY Success

*Plan Well.  
Work Smart.  
Love the Results. ♥*

A few simple habits can make a big difference in your DIY projects. These tried-and-true tips will help you save time, avoid frustration, and get professional-looking results you can be proud of.



DIY  
BUILDS  
BETTER  
DAYS  
♥

*Small Tips.  
Big Results. ♥*

1



## PLAN BEFORE YOU START

Take time to measure, research, and plan your project. A little preparation saves time, money, and stress.

2



## MEASURE TWICE

Double-check your measurements before you cut, drill, or buy materials. It's the easiest way to avoid costly mistakes.

3



## MAKE A MATERIALS LIST

Write down everything you need before heading to the store. It keeps you on track and helps you stay within budget.

4



## START SMALL

If you're new to DIY, begin with smaller projects to build your confidence and skills. Every project is a learning experience!

5



## USE THE RIGHT TOOLS

The right tool makes the job easier, safer, and gives you better results. When in doubt, check your tool guide!

6



## SAFETY FIRST

Wear safety gear, follow instructions, and take your time. A safe workspace lets you create for years to come.

7



## PREP IS KEY

Clean, sand, and prep your surfaces before painting or finishing. Good prep leads to a smoother, longer-lasting finish.

8



## BE PATIENT

DIY takes time and attention to detail. Don't rush it — the best results come when you enjoy the process.

9



## EMBRACE IMPERFECTION

It's okay if it's not perfect! Handmade and home projects have character, and every project helps you grow.

10



## ENJOY YOUR SPACE

Step back, admire your work, and be proud! You're creating a home you love, one project at a time.

*You've Got This! ♥*

With the right tools, a little planning, and a can-do attitude, you can tackle any project. Happy DIYing!





# You Got This!

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New Possibilities.*

Thank you for being here and letting me share my favorite tools, tips, and resources with you. Whether you're tackling a weekend project or a full home transformation, I hope this guide gives you the confidence to create a home you love.

Remember — progress doesn't have to be perfect. It just has to get started.

*Happy DIYing!   
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