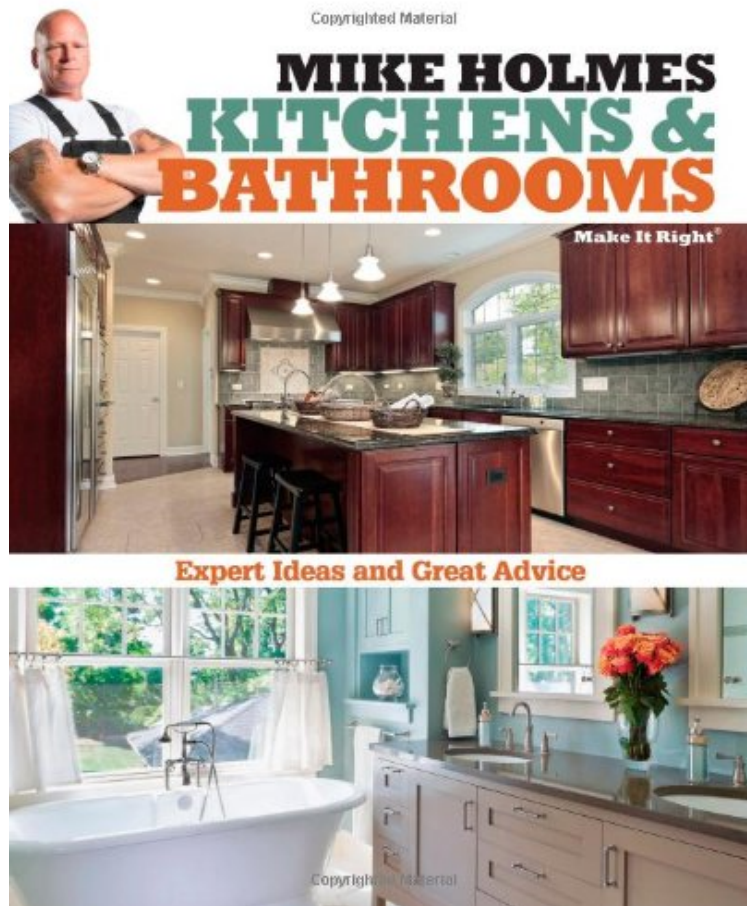


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Mike Holmes : Mike Holmes Kitchens Bathrooms (Make It Right) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mike Holmes Kitchens Bathrooms (Make It Right):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. if you're expecting this book to really walk you through the process of something like a kitchen gut and remodel and provide good ideas ...By J. WalkerI have to preface this by saying I'm a big fan of the Holmes TV shows. However, if you're expecting this book to really walk you through the process of something like a kitchen gut and remodel and provide good ideas for layout, recapturing floor space, and choosing things to get the most bang for the buck, this is not the book for you. I was very disappointed in it. While there is some good information in it such as the approximate percentages of how a kitchen budget will be allocated (which is helpful), most of the book is just "filler." He addresses things like getting very specific on the scope of work, materials, and so on and getting those things in writing with any contractors. While that may be true, it is still entirely up to the homeowner to actually pick that stuff out. I would never leave it to a contractor to pick out the cabinets, counter tops, floor covering, light fixtures, back splash, etc. Who doesn't know that? If you're looking for a book to

really delve into the best materials, making the best use of space, illustrating things the average DIY person can do to cut costs, etc., this is not the book for you. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Read this before you do any remodeling.

By J. Simmons This should be your First Resource before embarking on a kitchen and bath remodel. It's very readable, even when discussing all the details about plumbing, electrical, HVAC, foundation and insulation. You get Mike's professional opinion on everything from flooring to skylights, cabinets to lighting. There are so many photos of great ideas and some examples of shoddy work that you might not even notice at first. After reading this book, you'll be much more confident in choosing and working with contractors. You'll know what goes into a well-built cabinet and how to pick out cheaply-made fixtures. He provides a lot of photos and illustrations and I value Mike's opinion because he understands that some people have modest means but still want the job done right. Most homeowners only care what their kitchen and bath looks like on the outside but knowing what goes on behind the walls, under the floor, and above the ceiling is so important. After reading Mike's book, I made some important changes to my project, changed my mind on the type of cabinets I will order, and have much more interest in working with the contractor and tradesmen and women during the project. Instead of clearing out, I'll be an active observer. I will be able to ask them questions about what they are doing and understand the answers. I will be able to recognize expert work and know when they might be cutting corners.

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Great Guide to Renovations and Many Useful Tips

By Joanne T. Kundra I read through most of this book and found that it gives homeowners much useful information about planning your kitchen or bathroom renovation and also give useful tips such as, when renovating your kitchen and considering whether to purchase commercial grade appliances or a commercial-look, I had no idea that actual commercial grade appliances, such as a stove used in a restaurant, needs special clearance around the stove, knobs are not childproof and, some insurance will not cover a commercial stove used in a residence. There may also be city codes against this so, I'd say that this book is a must have for anyone planning a renovation.

Anyone who has planned a renovation project knows that there are many, often difficult, decisions to make along the way. As Canada's most trusted contractor, Mike has seen the good, the bad and the ugly. He provides expert advice in all aspects of planning and completing the most common renovation projects so homeowners will:

- Know what's possible: design and planning considerations, including advice on building green
- Learn the basics: structural considerations, permits and potential challenges
- Hire right: finding the right people for the job
- Choose the right materials: comprehensive guide to flooring, cabinets, etc., to help you make the best choices (which aren't necessarily the most expensive ones)
- Understand cost and timelines: getting and understanding estimates and how long it's going to take
- Oversee the job properly: how to ensure the renovation is done right, including step-by-step photographs of correct installation

Packed with color photographs, illustrations and sidebars, this new Make It Right book will help ensure homeowners avoid costly mistakes and get their renovation right the first time.

About the Author Mike Holmes is the star of the incredibly popular Holmes on Homes program, where, in every episode, he and his trusty renovation crew fix renovation disasters. Mike has more than two decades of construction experience and was schooled by his father, a master plumber, in all aspects of construction and renovation. With a passion for doing things the right way the first time and a deep-seated respect for construction professionals, Mike has worked on hundreds of home and commercial renovation projects, earning a reputation for outstanding craftsmanship and a willingness to stand behind his work.