

# Recall Alert

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

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Alert #11-701

### Home Improvement Books Recalled by Oxmoor House Due to Faulty Wiring Instructions; Shock and Fire Hazards to Consumers

*The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.*

**Name of Product:** Home Improvement Books

**Units:** About 540,000 (About 951,000 home improvement books with similar faulty wiring instructions were recalled in [January 2010](#))

**Publisher:** Oxmoor House, Inc., of Birmingham, Ala.

**Hazard:** The books contain errors in the technical diagrams and wiring instructions that could lead consumers to incorrectly install or repair electrical wiring, posing an electrical shock or fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** The recall involves the following 17 home improvement books. These titles are out of print and were last sold by retailers in 2005. However, they are likely still on bookshelves in consumers' homes.

Title	ISBN-10	ISBN-13	Publication Date
Fix-It Maps: Replacing Switches and Receptacles	0-376-07007-2	978-0-376-07007-4	January 2000
Southern Living Basic Home Repairs	0-376-09052-9	978-0-376-09052-2	January 1999
Southern Living Basic Wiring (2nd Ed.)	0-376-09054-5	978-0-376-09054-6	January 1999
Southern Living Basic Home Wiring Illustrated (1st Ed.)	0-376-09041-3	978-0-376-0-90416	June 1992
Southern Living Bathrooms Planning & Remodeling	0-376-09055-3	978-0-376-09055-3	January 1999
Southern Living Home Lighting	0-376-09062-6	978-0-376-09062-1	January 1999

Southern Living Kitchens Planning & Remodeling	0-376-09067-7	978-0-376-09067-6	January 2000
Sunset Basic Wiring (3rd Ed.) Sunset Basic Home Wiring Illustrated (1st & 2nd Ed.)	0-376-01584-5 0-376-01095-9 0-376-01092-4	978-0-376-01584-6 978-0-376-01095-7 978-0-376-01092-6	March 1995 1987 1977
Southern Living Complete Patio	0-376-09081-2 0-376-09044-8	978-0-376-09081-2 978-0-376-09044-7	January 2000 September 1992
Sunset Bathrooms Planning & Remodeling	0-376-01329-X 0-376-01294-3 0-376-01293-5 0-376-01326-5 0-376-01323-0 0-376-01322-2 0-376-01321-4	978-0-376-01329-3 978-0-376-01294-4 978-0-376-01293-7 978-0-376-01326-2 978-0-376-01323-1 978-0-376-01322-4 978-0-376-01321-7	January 2000 April 1994 October 1983 September 1980 1975 1969 1963
Sunset Home Lighting	0-376-01308-7	978-0-376-01308-8	January 1998
Sunset Home Lighting Handbook	0-376-01313-3 0-376-01312-5	978-0-376-01313-2 978-0-376-01312-5	May 1988 October 1982
Sunset Home Remodeling Illustrated	0-376-01288-9	978-0-376-01288-3	September 1987
Sunset Kitchens Planning & Remodeling	0-376-01347-8 0-376-01346-X 0-376-01345-1 0-376-01335-4 0-376-01334-6 0-376-01333-8 Not Available Not Available	978-0-376-01347-7 978-0-376-01346-0 978-0-376-01345-3 978-0-376-01335-4 978-0-376-01334-7 978-0-376-01333-0 Not Available Not Available	January 2000 April 1994 October 1983 May 1905 1974 1967 1962 1955
Sunset Basic Home Repair Handbook (HC edition)	0-376-01275-7	978-0-376-01275-3	August 1987

**Sold at:** Home improvement stores and bookstores nationwide from 1955 through December 2005 for between \$5 and \$20.

**Printed in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using these books and contact Oxmoor House for a full refund.

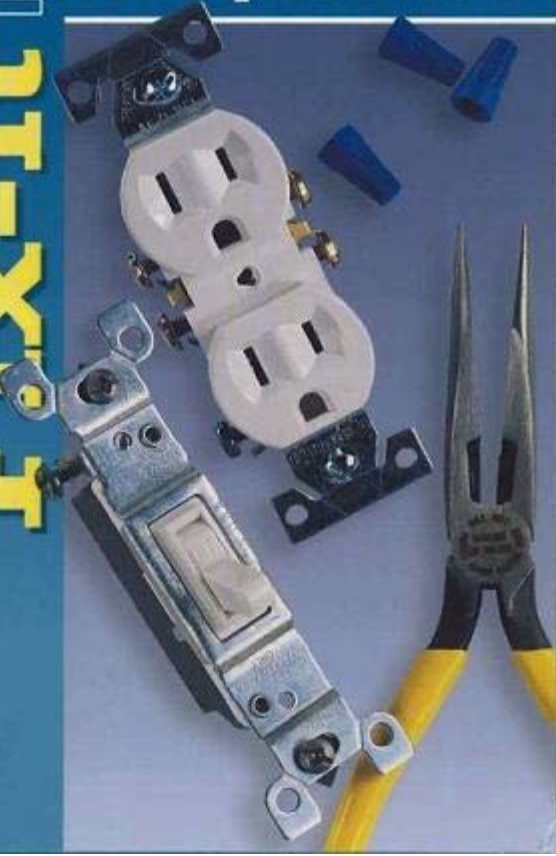
**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Oxmoor House toll-free at (866) 696-7602 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.sunsetrecall.com](http://www.sunsetrecall.com)

Fix-it MAPS

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# Replacing Switches and Receptacles

Fix-it



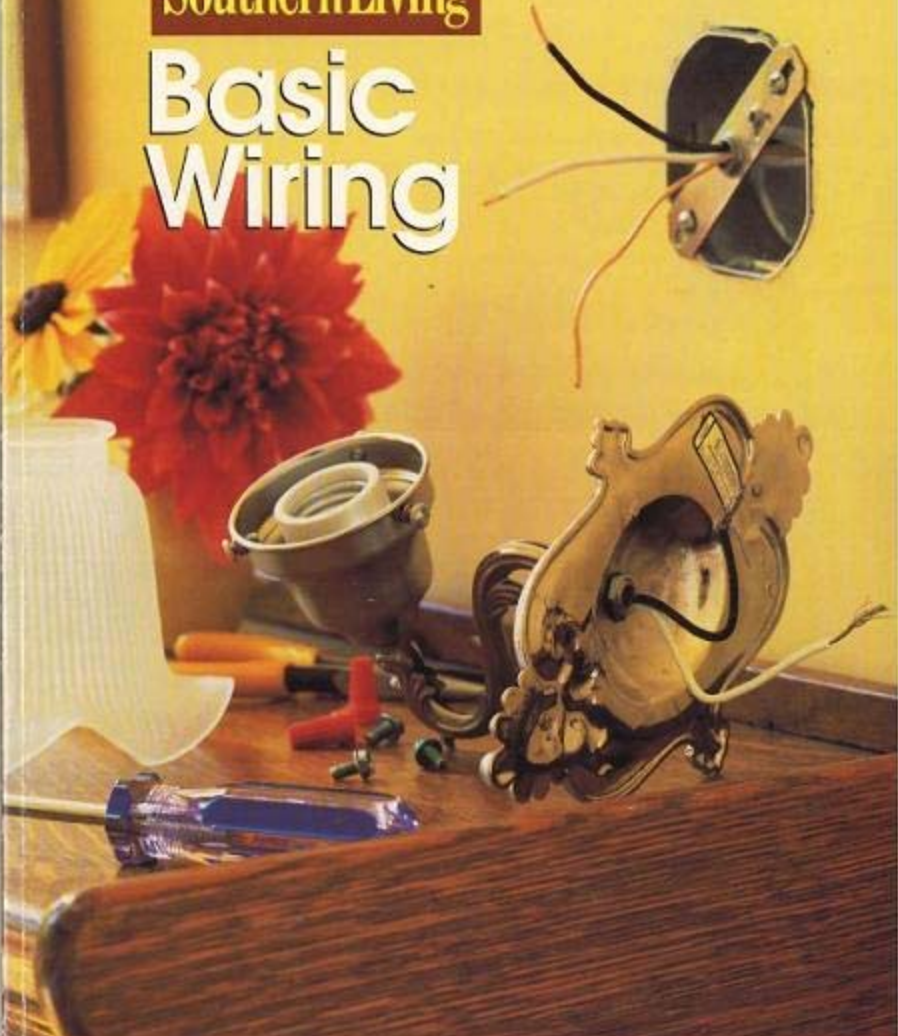
**Southern Living**

# Basic Home Repairs

Indoor and Outdoor ✦ Home Emergencies ✦ Techniques and Materials

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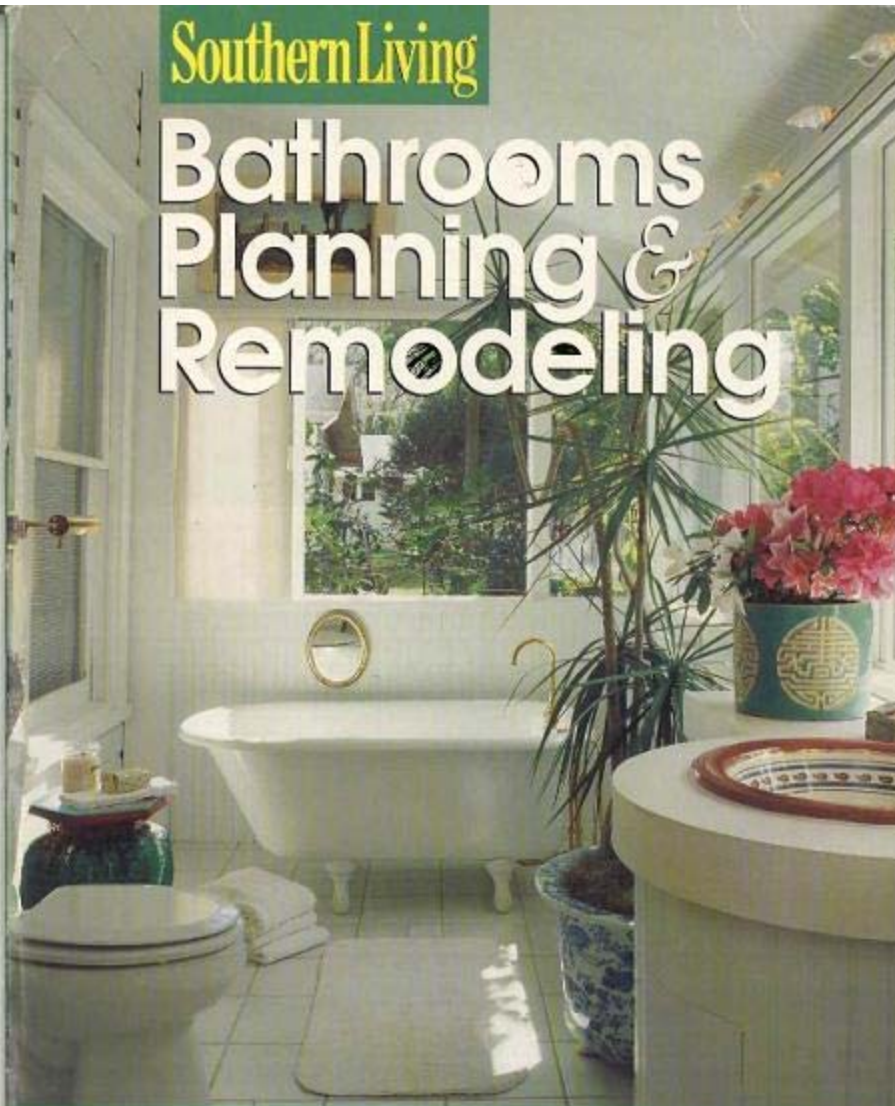
# Basic Wiring



New Circuits ✦ Outdoor Wiring ✦ Telephones

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# Bathrooms Planning & Remodeling



Cabinets, Fixtures, Fittings ✦ Fresh Design Ideas

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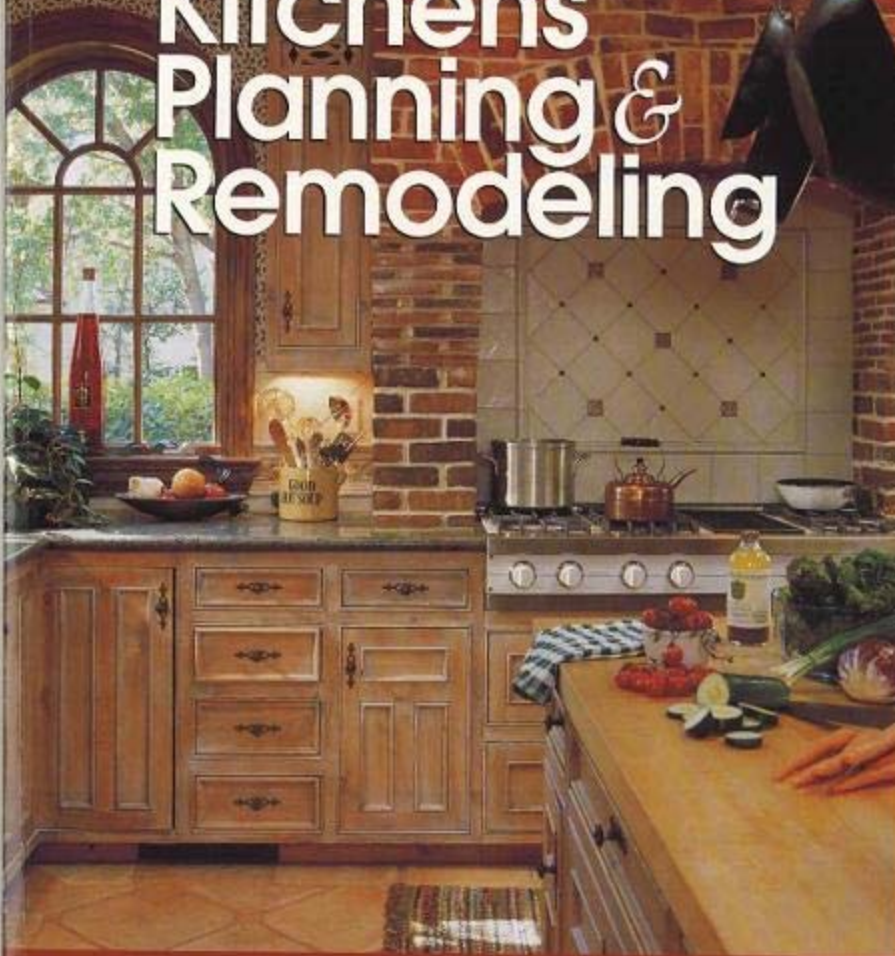
# Home Lighting



Indoor and Outdoor ✦ Lighting Fixtures ✦ Wiring Techniques

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# Kitchens Planning & Remodeling



Design Ideas ✦ Planning Guidelines ✦ Remodeling Basics

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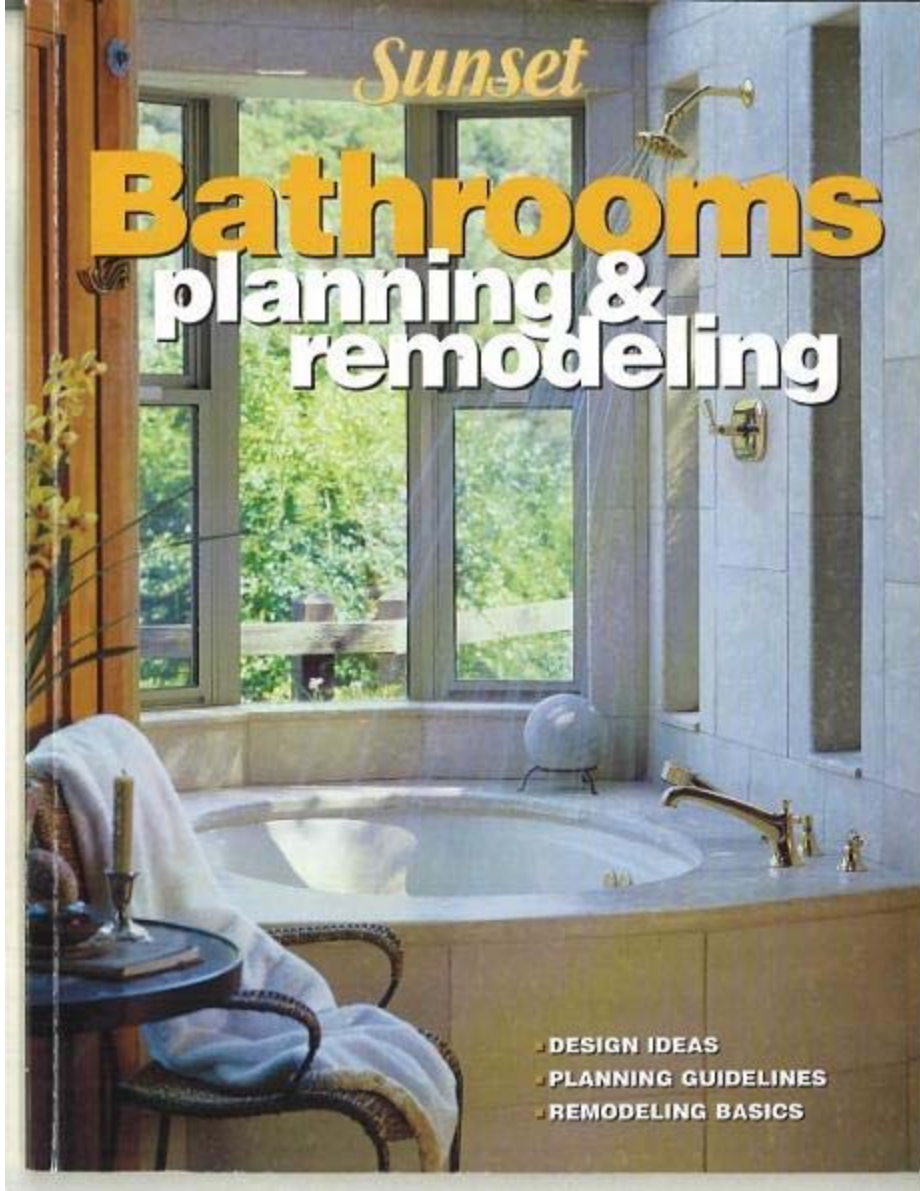
# Complete Patio Book

Paving, Walkways, Plantings, and Furnishings for Outdoor Living

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# **Bathrooms** planning & remodeling

- DESIGN IDEAS
- PLANNING GUIDELINES
- REMODELING BASICS



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# Home Lighting

- INDOOR AND OUTDOOR
- LIGHTING FIXTURES
- WIRING TECHNIQUES

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# Home Lighting

HANDBOOK

Room-by-room Ideas • Fixtures • Wiring Techniques



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# Sunset Home Remodeling

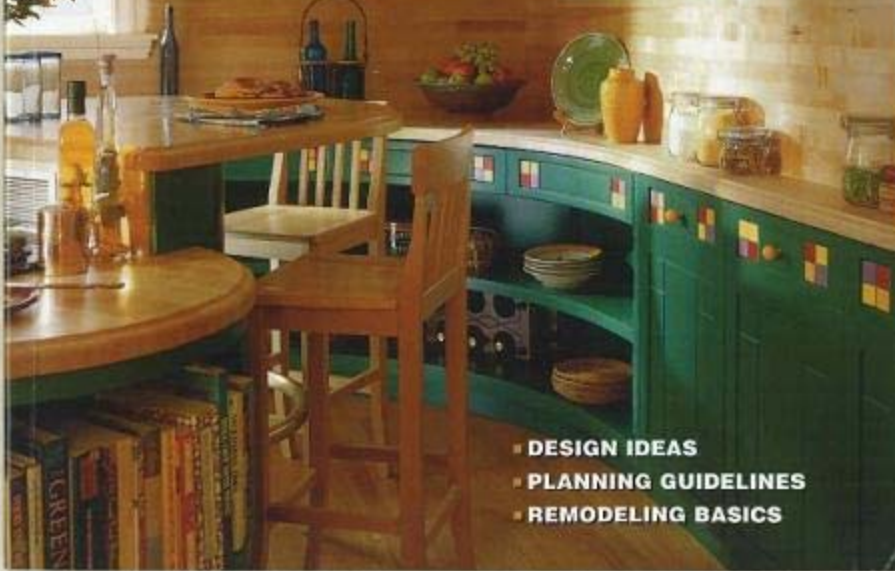
ILLUSTRATED

Design Ideas • Planning • Step-by-Step Techniques



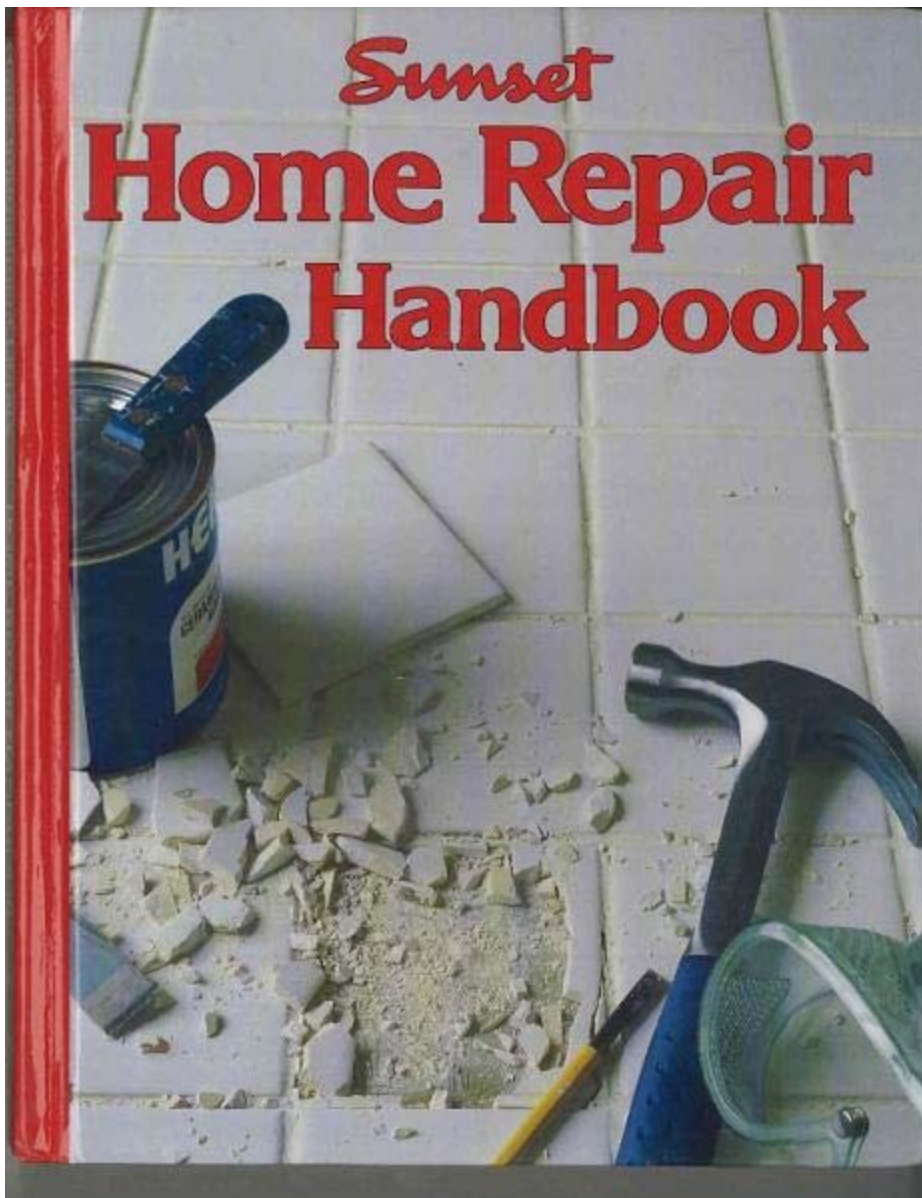
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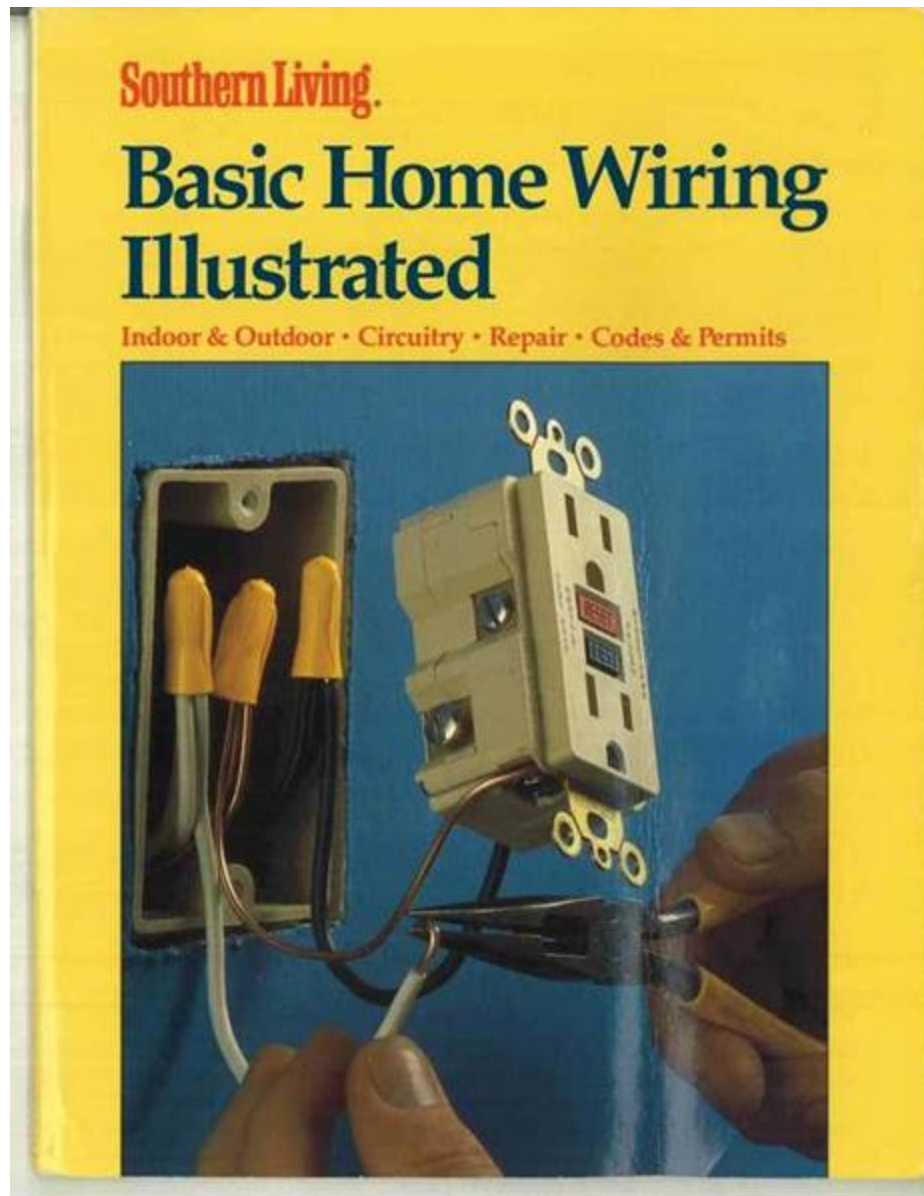
# Kitchens planning & remodeling



- DESIGN IDEAS
- PLANNING GUIDELINES
- REMODELING BASICS

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**Home Repair  
Handbook**





CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).