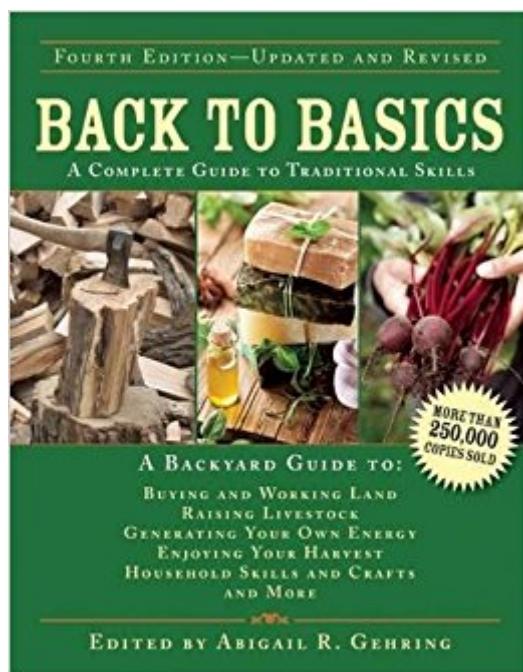


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# Back To Basics: A Complete Guide To Traditional Skills (Back To Basics Guides)



## Synopsis

The classic guide to self-sufficiency, with more than 200,000 copies sold—now fully updated! Anyone who wants to learn basic living skills—the kind employed by our forefathers—and adapt them for a better life in the twenty-first century need look no further than this eminently useful, full-color guide. Countless readers have turned to *Back to Basics* for inspiration and instruction, escaping to an era before power saws and fast-food restaurants and rediscovering the pleasures and challenges of a healthier, greener, and more self-sufficient lifestyle. Now newly updated, the hundreds of projects, step-by-step sequences, photographs, charts, and illustrations in *Back to Basics* will help you dye your own wool with plant pigments, graft trees, raise chickens, craft a hutch table with hand tools, and make treats such as blueberry peach jam and cheddar cheese. The truly ambitious will find instructions on how to build a log cabin or an adobe brick homestead. More than just practical advice, this is also a book for dreamers—even if you live in a city apartment, you will find your imagination sparked, and there's no reason why you can't, for example, make a loom and weave a rag rug. Complete with tips for old-fashioned fun (square dancing calls, homemade toys, and kayaking tips), this may be the most thorough book on voluntary simplicity available.

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## Customer Reviews

Abigail R. Gehring is the author of more than a dozen books, including *The Homesteading Handbook* and *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Country Living*. She lives in New York City and

Windham, Vermont.

As a seasoned citizen, this book has lots of information from my youth. It also contains so much more information than I would have imagined. Useful in helping me pass on 'old ways' to my children and grandchildren. Thanks.

This is an excellent book with a wealth of information. It has just about every topic covered for homesteading. It's basically the encyclopedia of homesteading skills. Well worth it.

Lots of good info in here packed into one well-written book. Lots of general knowledge in a variety of areas.

I compared this to the 3rd edition, and I compared the two books page-for-page. It is basically identical word-for-word to the 3rd edition. It has a different font and is portrait, instead of landscape mode (which would fit better on a bookshelf). So if you have the 3rd edition, then the 4th is identical. If you don't have the 3rd edition, I would recommend getting the 4th because it will fit better on your bookshelf, and won't stick out like the previous series does. That being said, this is the best book of the series: Back to Basics, Homesteading, Self-Sufficiency, Simpler Living, Farmer's Cookbook.

Good book - easy to read, follow - covers a lot of ground - many topics, deep enough to give you the info you need. I believe it will become a reference book for years to come.

Excellent book. So many details about so many things. This is a good book to really get started. I'm impressed

Just what I was looking for - very complete

This is the book I was hoping for. Shows all aspects of getting back to basics. May not be easy in town, but even raising rabbits is possible.

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