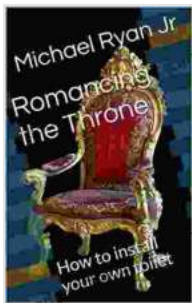


How to Install Your Own Toilet: A Step-by-Step Guide for Homeowners

Installing a toilet may seem like a daunting task, but with the right tools and a little know-how, it's a job that most homeowners can tackle themselves. In this comprehensive guide, we'll provide you with step-by-step instructions, tips, and troubleshooting solutions to help you get the job done right.



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Tools and Materials You'll Need

- New toilet
- Toilet flange
- Toilet wax ring
- Toilet bolts
- Wrench

- Adjustable wrench
- Pliers
- Measuring tape
- Level
- Caulk gun
- Caulk

Step 1: Prepare the Installation Area

1. Turn off the water supply to the toilet.
2. Flush the toilet to empty the tank and bowl.
3. Disconnect the water supply line from the toilet.
4. Disconnect the toilet bolts and remove the old toilet.
5. Clean the toilet flange and the surrounding area.

Step 2: Install the Toilet Flange

1. Place the toilet flange over the drain hole in the floor.
2. Screw the flange into place using the provided screws.
3. Make sure the flange is level.

Step 3: Install the Wax Ring

1. Place the wax ring on the toilet flange.
2. Make sure the wax ring is centered and flat.

Step 4: Install the Toilet

1. Lift the toilet onto the wax ring.
2. Line up the toilet bolts with the holes in the toilet flange.
3. Insert the toilet bolts and tighten them by hand.
4. Use a wrench to tighten the bolts further, but do not overtighten.

Step 5: Reconnect the Water Supply

1. Reconnect the water supply line to the toilet.
2. Turn on the water supply and check for leaks.

Step 6: Caulk the Toilet Base

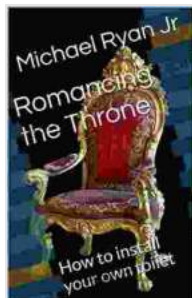
1. Apply a bead of caulk around the base of the toilet where it meets the floor.
2. Smooth the caulk with your finger or a caulking tool.

Step 7: Troubleshoot Common Problems

- **Toilet is leaking from the base:** Check the wax ring for proper installation. You may need to replace the wax ring.
- **Toilet is rocking:** The toilet may not be level. Use a level to check and adjust as needed.
- **Toilet is not flushing properly:** Check the water level in the tank. It should be just below the top of the overflow tube. The flapper valve may also need to be adjusted.

Installing a toilet is a relatively simple DIY project that can be completed in a few hours. By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can save

yourself the cost of hiring a plumber. With a little planning and preparation, you can get the job done right and enjoy the satisfaction of a successful home improvement project.



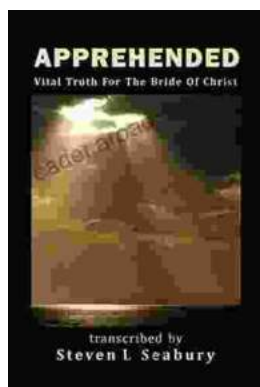
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