BASIC TOOL PRIMER



CLAW HAMMER

Driving in nails and levering them out. Also useful for demolition.

FLAT-HEAD AND PHILLIPS-HEAD SCREWDRIVERS

Driving in and removing screws.





ADJUSTABLE WRENCH

Tightening and loosening nuts and bolts of various sizes.

SOCKET WRENCH SET

Tightening and loosening nuts and bolts of various sizes (ratcheting mechanism eliminates the need to remove and refit the wrench after each turn, as is necessary with an adjustable wrench)





COMBINATION PLIERS

ripping objects (nails, nuts, etc.) ir order to hold, turn, or pull them.

NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS

Gripping objects in order to hold, turn, or pull them (long, skinny shape makes them useful for getting into small spaces). Also helpful for cutting, bending, or stripping wire.





TAPE MEASURE

Taking accurate measurements.

LEVEL

Determining if a fixture or piece of hardware is level.





UTILITY KNIFE

Cutting various materials

Hacksaw

Cutting through metal, plastic, and wood.





PUTTY KNIFE

Spreading materials or scraping surfaces.

ASSORTED TAPES

Preventing leaks at threaded plumbing connections (Teflon or plumber's tape), insulating electrical wires (electrical tape), and securing a wide variety of items (duct tape).





STUD FINDER

Locating studs behind walls or below other surfaces.

FLASHLIGHT

Illuminating work areas





SAFETY GLASSES, WORK GLOVES, EARPLUGS, AND DUST MASKS

Protecting the eyes, hands, ears, and lungs while working.