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How to Add Insulation to Your Attic

With colder weather on the horizon, a good way to help lower energy costs while keeping cozy is to add insulation. Here's how to add insulation to your attic to keep your home warm.

Preparing to Add Insulation to Your Attic

Determine how much fiberglass insulation you need to purchase by measuring your space and then decide which specific type you'd like to use.

Blown-in insulation is one way to go, though it can be quite messy and difficult. Most homeowners opt for rolls or batts of fiberglass insulation. You should purchase unfaced insulation without a paper moisture barrier to prevent moisture from becoming trapped.

If you're unsure what specific type of insulation will work best in your attic, it never hurts to plan a visit to your local hardware store. The store's employees will be able to point you in the right direction regarding what to buy.

Don't forget to look at the material's R value, too — you want a minimum value of R30 to R49 depending on how cold your climate is.

Installing Insulation in Your Attic

Here are some tips that will make adding your insulation go smoothly:

- Start at the attic's perimeter and work toward the door or hatch. You won't have to walk over any insulation as you work.
- Cover the tops of the ceiling joists. This will prevent something called thermal bridging, which is what happens when heat is lost through your home's wood framing.
- Always wear a mask, gloves and clothes that can get dirty. Fiberglass fibers are a nuisance! Shower immediately after you're done working and throw your work clothes straight into the washing machine.

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Pumpkin Gingerbread

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin puree
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt

Instructions

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.
- 2) In a large mixing bowl, combine sugar, oil and eggs; beat until smooth. Add water and beat until well blended. Stir in pumpkin, ginger, allspice, cinnamon and clove.
- 3) In medium bowl, combine flour, soda, salt and baking powder. Add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture and blend just until all ingredients are mixed. Divide batter between prepared pans.
- 4) Bake in oven until toothpick comes out clean. About 1 hour.

Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

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