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## Commonly Overlooked Problems for DIY Homeowners

Noticed a few things you want to fix or change around the house and thinking about tackling them yourself? Before you dive into a project, make sure you fully understand what it takes to get it done both properly and safely.



Here are some common items homeowners often overlook when they begin a Do It Yourself (DIY) project.

### 1.) Not taking out the required permits

Many DIY tradesmen consider permits to be a bother, but they definitely serve a real purpose. The true intent behind building permits is to ensure that the job is done right and that you don't hurt yourself. For some jobs, it actually makes a significant financial difference; insurance companies won't cover certain items if you don't have a permit.

### 2.) Starting a job without all the necessary supplies

No omission will slow down a construction or repair job faster than not having all the materials you need. One of the reasons that professionals can work so efficiently is that they buy quality tools. Make sure to research the tools and materials you need in advance of a DIY construction job.

### 3.) Not Measuring

Accurately measuring a space and buying the appropriate amount of materials is an absolutely vital element of DIY repairs. Precisely measuring the spaces in a repair job can save you some serious dollars in not buying a bunch of materials you don't need.

### 4.) Ignoring Safety

It's not only jobs involving electricity or gas that can potentially be very dangerous. Even small jobs can cause serious injury if homeowners don't wear the right personal protection gear. For anything more complicated than raking leaves, it's important to think about safety first.

### 5.) Using Cheap Materials

After investing in quality tools and committing your time to education and construction, the worst thing you can do is buy cheap materials. If you do use them, the chances are they will fail sooner rather than later, forcing you to do the same project over again.



### Ribs with Hot-Pepper-Jelly Glaze

- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 4 English-cut beef short ribs
- 2 racks baby back ribs
- 2 racks spareribs
- 1 1/2 cups hot red pepper jelly
- 1/4 cup white miso
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha (or to taste)

### Instructions

- 1) In food processor, add the sugar, chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder and 1 tablespoon each of salt and pepper; pulse to combine. Rub the spice mix over the ribs.
- 2) Preheat oven to 325 and roast ribs for 30 minutes.
- 3) Put the ribs on rimmed baking sheet and cover with foil. Roast all of the ribs until tender, about 2 hours longer.
- 4) Meanwhile, in a saucepan, combine the pepper jelly with the miso, lemon juice, Sriracha. Simmer the glaze for 5 minutes.
- 5) Finish ribs on grill for 15 minutes, basting with glaze, and serve.

Recipe courtesy of foodandwine.com

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