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Do It Almost By Yourself

Alexa Fornoff

We are definitely proponents of handiwork and putting your spin on anything you can and all that, but sometimes taking the task from inception to completion is super daunting. When these two products hit our inboxes, we thought we'd share them with you. From time to time we could all use a helping hand.



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Anyone with an idea likes to think their sense of aesthetics is the bee's knees, but sometimes finds him- or herself just a tad off mark. While [Design in a Bag's](#) offerings are on the more traditional end of the spectrum, the company does take some of the guesswork out of full kitchen and bath remodels, saving you from a potential wacky misstep. So why is it in a bag? DIAB sends you paint swatches, finishes for countertops, cabinetry, glass, and tile, full-color 3-D renderings of what your space would look like, and a shopping list/fact sheet of where to get the materials locally or online—this could be just the kick-in-the-pants you need.

Next up, [Bondera](#). Tiling can get pretty tricky, especially if you're into pint-sized pieces; prepping the space with mesh and thinset can be extremely time consuming. But the company's new double-sided adhesive tile mat (that's also [mold-resistant and environmentally friendly](#)) makes it easier on you and your pocket watch (what, you don't use one of those?). You just stick it on a clean wall or countertop, place your tiles, and then grout the same day to finish the surface.

What else have you used to make things go smoother when you're weekend warrior-ing it? Trust me, some of us can use all of the help we can get!

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