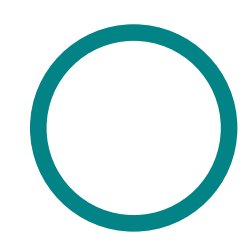


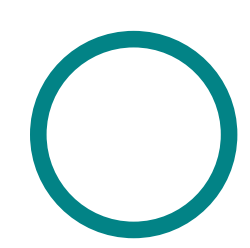
# 10 essential tools every homeowner needs

The home repair Experts at Frontdoor have created a list of essential tools so you'll be prepared and ready to get things done around the house. Be sure to print this out and keep it handy.



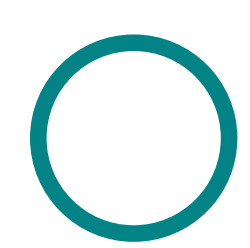
## Digital Multimeter

The primary and most important function of a digital multimeter, according to our Experts, is measuring electrical properties, such as voltage, current, and resistance.



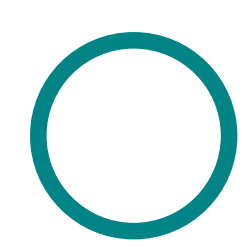
## Adjustable Wrench

This all-purpose nut-and bolt-turner can help you do everything from assembling prefabricated furniture to attaching a garden hose.



## Screwdrivers

You'll need both the slotted (flat head) and Phillips (x-shaped) versions—and at least a couple sizes of each.



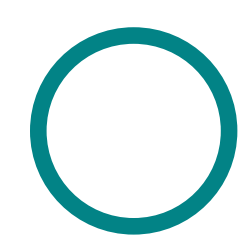
## Needle-nose Pliers

Needle-nose pliers are another essential tool with long, pointy jaws that allow you to reach into tight spaces.



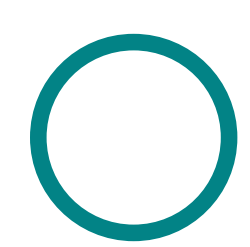
## Putty Knife

Putty knives are useful for applying and spreading materials. They are available in a variety of widths, and each width has a different intended use.



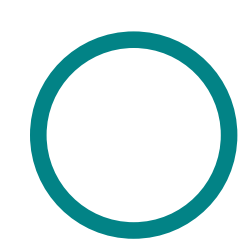
## Utility Knife

A utility knife is good for scoring wood and drywall, stripping wires, cutting through cartons, and other hard working tasks.



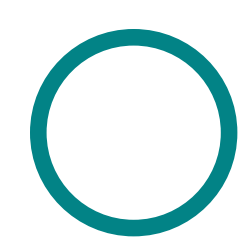
## Allen Wrenches

Allen wrenches are commonly used for furniture assembly, bike repair, and other close hands-on work.



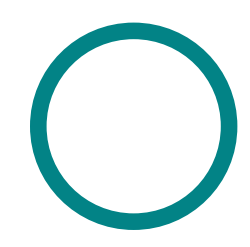
## Channel Locks

Channel locks are a type of angled pliers that are used for gripping and pinching. This is a powerful tool intended to provide a strong grip.



## Level

Levels are tools used to determine if a surface is precisely horizontal (level) or vertical (plumb) and come in handy when hanging pictures or other items on the wall.



## Plug Tester

A plug tester can check voltage, amperage, continuity, shorted or open circuits, and can indicate if wiring has not been installed correctly.

