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is our pledge!*

## **BPM Home Watch** *A Resource for Home Owners*

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## **IS THERE VALUE TO A FINISHED BASEMENT?**

Finished walls and floors in your basement add livable square footage to your home.

A small investment in finishing a basement can create much equity [*and personal value*] in your home.

Often times owners choose to finish out a basement for personal reasons. Many want the extra space as families grow, others request an in-law suite, and a select few demand a man-cave for *the* spouse.

No matter what the purpose, projects like these will increase the personal, and appraised value, of your home. Typically increasing the size of your current space is financially wiser than up-sizing to a larger house – and most times, there is plenty of effort a home owner can provide in conjunction with a contractor.

Furthermore, if you're planning on finishing a basement to help in the sale of your home, keep it simple. Finish the walls, ceiling and floors, but don't personalize. This can save you money during the project and also tip potential home buyers towards a purchase.

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[www.bpmhomewatch.com](http://www.bpmhomewatch.com) for  
previous projects and idea starters**

**...Or ring direct  
for budgeting proposals!**

# HANDY HINTS FOR HOME OWNERS...

## **Paint Rollers Minus the Messy Fuzz**

When preparing to apply paint with a new roller nap wrap duct tape [sticky side out] around your open hand. Rub all sides of the roller nap across the duct tape.

This is a great way to remove all the loose roller fuzz before it ends up on your freshly painted wall.

## **Simple Shop Organizer**

Find yourself with extra screws, bits, or blades?

Try cutting different diameters of PVC pipe in various lengths. Glue one end cap in place, drop your matching items inside and slide on opposite end cap.

Label each pipe accordingly with permanent marker. You are now ready to accessorize your accessories!

## **Curtail Mosquitoes**

Instead of slapping mosquitoes all summer try these handy – hints:

Purge all standing water collection points. Ensure gutters are not holding water. Clear tall weeds that harbor the pests.

Spray under deck floors w/ an insecticide that contains long-lasting cyfluthrin.

## **Caulk Exterior Joints**

To combat elevated cooling bills and pesky insects check exterior joints & openings around door frames, windows, spigots, and mechanical entry points. Scrape out all old or damaged sealant and replace with a flexible polyurethane caulk.

Smooth out the new caulking w/ the back of a spoon to ensure an air tight seal.

## **SPEEDY'S PLACE...**

It's always prime-time for updating your lawn décor and accenting your cabin porch! Pictured here are two of many hand-crafted items that will add flavor and function to your home in the hills. For other items of interest from Speedy's Place [dog houses, bird houses, tool storage bins, raised planter boxes, swings, etc] visit our website link at [www.bpmhomewatch.com](http://www.bpmhomewatch.com) or ring Speedy direct @ 706.781.4275. Most items can be customized to show case a favorite college team or lettered with a family name. Wholesale pricing is available for commercial vendors. Mention this BPM newsletter for 10% off any item.



# HOW ABOUT A GRILLED – STEAK SANDWICH – OR TWO?

## Ingredients

- 2 sirloin, skirt, or flank steaks [1 3/4 pounds each]
  - Extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing and drizzling
  - Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
  - 6 tomatoes, sliced 1/2 inch thick
  - 2 large loaves soft Italian bread, halved lengthwise
  - Garnish w/ fresh basil and romaine lettuce leaves
1. Let steaks stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Heat grill to high. Brush grates with oil. Season steaks with salt / pepper. Grill for 7 minutes per side for medium. Let rest for 10 minutes. Thinly slice steaks across the grain.
  2. Meanwhile, drizzle tomatoes with oil; season with salt and pepper. Brush bread with oil. Grill tomatoes until lightly charred and soft, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Grill cut sides of bread until lightly charred, 30 seconds to 2 minutes.
  3. Layer sliced steak and grilled tomatoes over bottom halves of bread. Garnish with basil and romaine leaves, drizzle with oil, and season with salt / pepper. Sandwich with top halves of bread. Cut each loaf crosswise into 6 sandwiches.



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## COMMON USES FOR CHOP STICKS

*[Christine Dinus]*

- Skewer food for grilling
- Remove shell / vein from shrimp
- Stir sauces
- With cloth, clean baby jars, sports bottles, vases
- Prop up annual plants
- Fill a stripped screw hole, before replacing screw
- Stir paint
- Clean hard-to-reach spots; groove of paint cans, a/c vents, behind sink faucets, under washer, fridge
- Unclog glue bottles, caulk tubes
- Clean muddy shoe treads & crevices



*Thanks for the confidence you place in BPM - Regards, Robert*