

Hints For The Handy

Home Improvement On The Level

(NAPSA)—Whether your idea of a home improvement project involves DIY construction or hanging pictures, there's one tool that saves time on these jobs and more—the self-leveling cross-line laser.

The highly functional cross-line laser projects bright horizontal and vertical laser lines against a surface to ensure straight and level placement. You can use a line laser for wall positioning or to simplify time-consuming tasks like hanging artwork or placing holiday decorations.

For example, if you want to install a shelf the most important task is making sure it's level. Some DIYers use a tape measure and a carpenter's level for this project, but the accuracy can be spotty. However, with a self-leveling cross-line laser the light beams both horizontally and vertically to outline precise shelf placement that's perfectly level. For an expert finish, just double check that your lines are at the right height and wall location. That also goes for installing items like a wall sconce or light fixture.

Picture-Hanging Hints

1. Set your horizontal line at preferred height
2. Set vertical line to intersect at lower left corner of picture frame
3. Measure distance from top of picture frame to hanging wire
4. Mark preferred location of hanging wire on wall
5. Locate nail or fastener on wall
6. Use laser to ensure picture is level top and bottom.

Any room or surface where a straight or level line is required will benefit from



A laser level can be a bright idea for just about any home improvement project.

a self-leveling cross-line laser. It's easy to use, makes any job faster, offers extreme accuracy and can often mean you can polish off a two-person job by yourself. Just set the laser on a tripod or mounting device and you're ready for almost any project—from installing ceiling tile to precise chair rail placement. And if you come across great ideas on websites like Houzz.com or Pinterest, this device can help you build collages and other crafts that have a professional touch.

One self-leveling cross-line laser that fits homeowner requirements is the Bosch GLL 30. It features a compact design for easy movement around the home and projects easy-to-see cross lines at distances up to 30 ft. And it comes with a flexible mounting device with micro-fine adjustment that clamps on virtually any surface to project lines from every height or angle. It's the tool you didn't think you needed, but can't do without. To learn more visit Boschtools.com.