



DO IT YOURSELF

Home Improvement Projects Tailored For Couples

(NAPSA)—According to a recent survey, six out of 10 Americans enjoy working on home improvement projects with their spouse or significant other. These folks realize that two is better than one when it comes to certain renovating and remodeling tasks. Here are some helpful hints for do-it-yourself projects that are easier and faster to complete as a team.

- **Sticking together:** When wallpapering, have one person apply adhesive to each panel, then fold it in half to seal in the glue. The panel can then be passed to a partner without creating a mess. This other person can then unfold the panel, hang it on the wall and trim any excess.

- **Wood you be mine:** To tackle woodworking projects (windows, doors and base moldings), one person can wipe the surface clean with a rag while the other follows behind to sand off the gloss with a sanding pad, such as the SandBlaster sponge from 3M. SandBlaster sanding products work three times faster and last three times longer, making projects quick and easy.

- **Spend mow time together:** While one person mows the lawn, the other can don gardening gloves to bag loose grass and leaves.

- **Work with your greatest fan:** Installing ceiling fans in existing junction boxes (the box where all the wires come together) is much easier with two people as one person can hold the fan in place while



Do-it-yourself projects can be completed in half the time when couples work together.

the other wires and screws the unit into the ceiling. And use caution whenever you do any electrical repairs.

- **Tile death do us part:** Two sets of hands makes laying self-adhesive tiles a cinch. One person can measure, cut and peel the backing off the tiles, while the other places them onto the floor.

- **Scrub potion #9:** To remove stubborn oil stains from your garage or driveway pavement mix two parts powdered laundry detergent, two parts baking soda, and one part household bleach. Both of you—each armed with a heavy-duty sponge and a pair of gloves—can then scrub the stained surface with the solution. When you're done scrubbing, wash the solution away with a water hose.