

One in five men hate DIY

DIY may traditionally be seen as a man's domain but one in five men hate doing DIY, a study revealed yesterday.

Despite traditionally being a man's job, 22 per cent of guys admit they can't stand doing odd jobs around the house such as putting up shelves or decorating a room. It is the fear of failure which puts off most guys from attempting it with 43 per cent admitting they are worried about it going wrong. Another 40 per cent claim they are simply too busy to do it themselves and a third say the jobs are too time-consuming.

Chris Tidy, DIY expert for Bosch, which carried out the study said: "There was a time when almost every man would love nothing more than heading down to his shed to make something, or indulge in a spot of DIY around the home. But it seems this is no longer the case as a large number of men now see it as a chore rather than a hobby. I believe that no matter who you are, or what the job, DIY can be time and cost effective as well as straightforward with simple step-by-step instructions and light-weight, easy to use power tools from Bosch.

The poll of 1,000 Brits revealed that of those men who like to indulge in DIY, some 45 per cent say it fills them with pride, while 26 per cent use it to express their creativity. More than a quarter even like the feeling they get after creating something unique. But the study also found that more than a quarter of women have become DIY fans, with 26 per cent saying they enjoy having a go at fixing things around the home. Another 52 per cent of women like doing it every now and then.

Chris Tidy for Bosch added: "Getting your family involved in practical jobs around the house is simple. Make DIY fun from an early age – encourage your children to play with Lego, Airfix or even Scaletrix tracks. Bosch has created a 'How To' guide, perfect for parents and families providing simple instructions on the most popular jobs tackled by the nation, including putting up shelves, hanging doors and painting walls.



Simply log onto the Bosch DIY advisory website at:

<http://www.bosch-do-it.co.uk/diy/houseofbosch/> for key advice, top tips and a list of tools perfect for each job."

Chris Tidy concluded: "Don't forget, good power tools are credit crunch friendly – you can get an IXO cordless screwdriver for under £40 and the help and advice on the Bosch website is free."