

# Smart Words for Smart Homeowners

THE EXPERIENCE OF EXPERTS AND THEIR ADVICE ON RELEVANT HOMEOWNER TOPICS

## Repair Squeaking Floors

### Fix Squeaks, Even Under Carpeting.

It's not that hard once you get the knack and the tools. Just buy the right tool kit [a great product for ≈\$20.00] and follow these 10 simple steps.

- 1) Use a hammer to locate a floor joist within the Squeaky section of floor. The right spot will have a sound that is more solid than other areas.
- 2) Tap the carpeted floor with the hammer and listen for dull thud, indicating a joist below.
- 3) Insert the joist-finding screw into the drill / driver chuck.
- 4) Drill a hole through carpeting and subfloor and into the suspected joist location. If you miss the joist, it'll screw in very easily so move over a couple of inches and try the procedure again.
- 5) Once you find a floor joist, measure over 16 inches to locate the next joist. Be aware that 16" is the expected spacing. The builder may be off.
- 6) Press the Squeek-No-More tripod-shaped alignment tool firmly into the carpet directly over each joist. Use the drill / driver to drive a scored screw down through center of fixture until the screw bottoms out.
- 7) You are now going to set up a pattern and perimeter so drive screws into the joists within the squeaky sections at both ends of the room.



- 8) Run taut strings from screw head to screw head across the room, indicating the location of the floor joists below.



- 9) Using the alignment and depth control fixture, drive scored screws along the strings spaced about 8 inches apart.



- 10) Hook the screw gripper on the fixture onto each protruding screw, then rock the fixture back and forth to snap off the screw head of each screw. The break will leave the fastening section below the carpet and sub-flooring.



### Great Tool

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