A Visual Dictionary Of Architecture
Synopsis

The classic, bestselling reference on architecture now revised and expanded! An essential one-volume reference of architectural topics using Francis D.K. Ching’s signature presentation. It is the only dictionary that provides concise, accurate definitions illustrated with finely detailed, hand-rendered drawings. From Arch to Wood, every concept, technology, material and detail important to architects and designers are presented in Ching’s unique style. Combining text and drawing, each term is given a minimum double-page spread on large format trim size, so that the term can be comprehensively explored, graphically showing relations between concepts and sub-terms A comprehensive index permits the reader to locate any important word in the text. This long-awaited revision brings the latest concepts and technology of 21st century architecture, design and construction to this classic reference work. It is sure to be by the side of and used by any serious architect or designer, students of architecture, interior designers, and those in construction.

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Unnecessarily artistic in its design and layout. I wanted a rather easy to use reference manual. Something with pictures and definitions. Arranged like a reference book. This is a pretty book and is enjoyable to browse but not so useful for quick occasional references.

Worth every penny. Having the diagrams along with definitions and examples really helps clarify architectural elements and vocabulary. Highly recommend.
Priceless addition to the serious architecture student's reference library. Any book by Dr. Ching is a worthwhile investment in your education.

This book is another great one that any architect should have in their library. Ching graphically explains architecture in a way that is helpful to all ability levels.

This was a gift for my Sister-in-law who is an architect. She loved it! It is a resources she wanted for more obscure elements she doesn't use on a frequent basis.

Drawings are detailed, easy to read. Every designer & architect should have this book in their personal collection for reference.

Plenty of diagrams illustrate nearly any term in architecture and construction. Explains everything from HVAC to testing ready-mix. Should be required text in tech schools and apprentice programs.

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