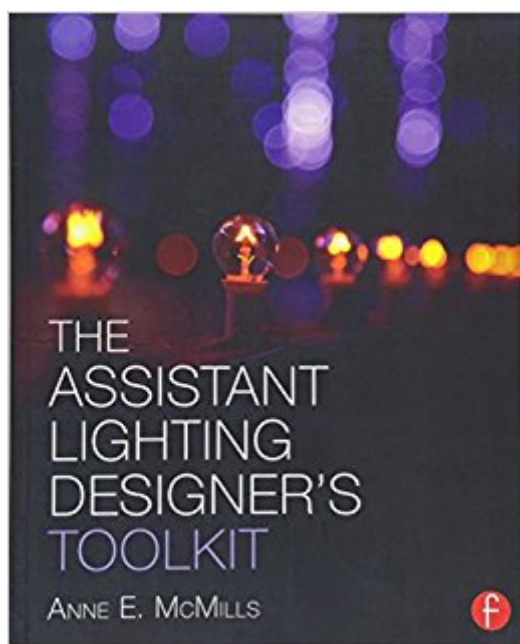


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# The Assistant Lighting Designer's Toolkit (The Focal Press Toolkit Series)



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What are the dos and don'ts of being a good assistant lighting designer? What are focus tapes, and how do I use them? What is the best method for creating a magic sheet? What should be found in every assistant's kit? How do I make that first important leap into this professional career? Answer these questions and many more with *The Assistant Lighting Designer's Toolkit*. This definitive guide unlocks the insider-secrets used to succeed as a professional assistant lighting designer (ALD) – whether choosing assisting as a career or while transitioning to another. This book outlines, step-by-step, the challenges the ALD faces during every phase of production. Never before has a resource existed that views the design process through the eyes of the assistant. Intermingled among the nuts and bolts of the paperwork and essential procedures, top industry professionals reveal tips for personal survival in this challenging career – both domestically and abroad as well as in other careers in lighting. Within these pages are the industry secrets rarely taught in school! – The author's website can be found at <http://www.aldtoolkit.com/>.

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