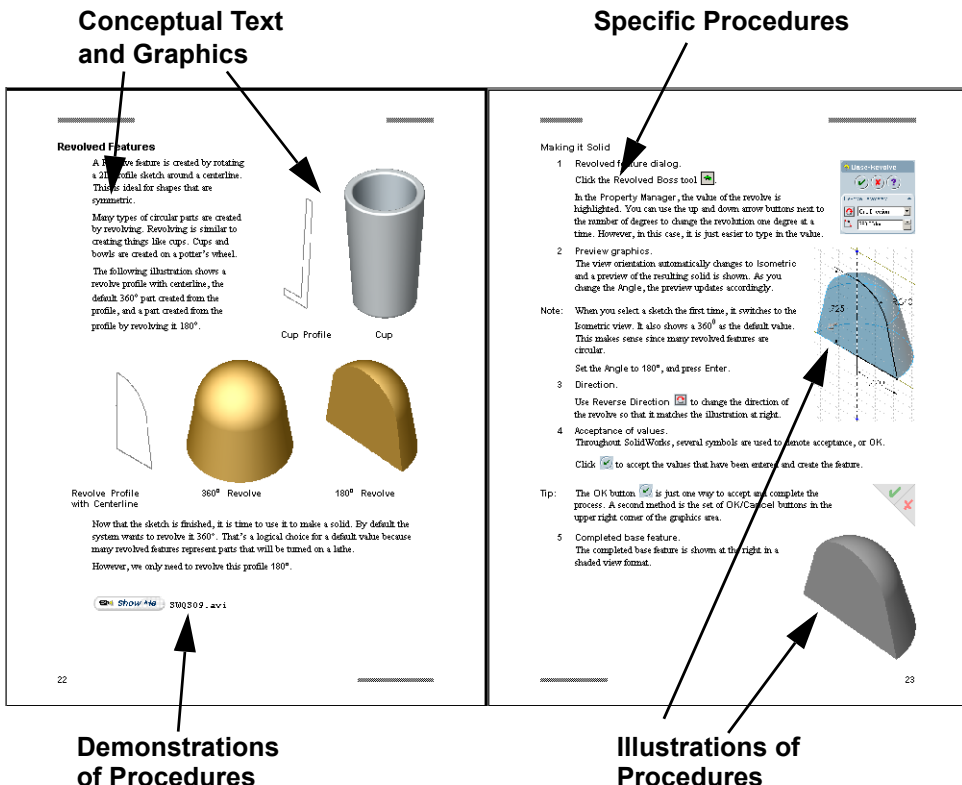


Using This Book

As the title implies, this book is a hands-on experience. You will be using SolidWorks® very quickly. You will be experiencing many of the major capabilities of SolidWorks very quickly. You will be learning by doing. Once you start up SolidWorks, you will be working with models, assemblies, and drawings for the rest of the book that you will create. This book is just a guide.

The book is a series of two-page layouts that are designed to have you actively using SolidWorks. The left-hand pages contain conceptual text and graphics that explain important concepts and preview the procedures that you are about to perform. The right-hand pages contain the procedures and illustrations that show you what you should be seeing on your screen as you perform the procedures.



Before You Begin

SolidWorks files that have been included for your use are loaded to the `SolidWorks Test Drive` folder on your system. This book is written with the assumption that you will also save your files in the same folder.

About the Authors

David and Marie Planchard are Co-founders of D & M Education LLC. They are active industry and education consultants. Marie is an active member of the SolidWorks Educational Advisory Board, SolidWorks Drawing Advisory Board, and coordinator of the New England SolidWorks Users Group. David and Marie are SolidWorks Research Partners, SolidWorks Solution Partners, and Co-authors of over 17 SolidWorks Publications in the past eight years.