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## A botch job
## 一个粗制滥造的活儿

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**Jiaying**

大家好，欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。我是佳莹。唉？Neil 在哪里？

**Neil**

Sorry, I'm late. I've had a bit of a disaster.

**Jiaying**

Oh, no. What happened?

**Neil**

I've been doing some DIY…

**Jiaying**

你在 DIY。"DIY"是"do-it-yourself"的首字母缩略词，意思是"自己动手制作或修理某样东西"。你在自己动手制作、修理家具？听起来有些危险啊！

**Neil**

Not really. All I was doing was putting up some bookshelves. But I put one of the nails through a water pipe – and water started spraying everywhere.

**Jiaying**

Disaster! It sounds like a botch job.

**Neil**

Oh, is that bad?

**Jiaying**

Very bad!

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表达 "a botch job" 指 "一个做得很拙劣、敷衍了事的工作，一个粗制滥造的活儿"，我们也可以说 "make a botch of something（把某事弄得一塌糊涂）"。It looks like you'll need to call in a plumber, but let's hear some examples first.

**Examples**
Oh, no! You've made a botch job of the decorating. We'll have to start again.

My girlfriend made a botch job of the cake – she used the wrong ingredients and then baked it too long. I guess it's the thought that counts!

Our builder came highly recommended, but when the ceiling fell in, I knew he'd done a botch job.

**Jiaying**
你正在收听的是 BBC 英语教学的 "地道英语" 节目。以上，我们介绍了如何用表达 "a botch job" 来指 "一个粗制滥造的活儿"。Neil 在家组装书架的时候没上心，最后把家里弄得一团糟，他这次的 DIY 就是 "a botch job"。So, Neil, did you call a plumber?

**Neil**
No, far too expensive. I just put some sticky tape over the hole.

**Jiaying**
Oh, no, you've *botched* it again! 动词 "botch" 的意思是 "把某事搞得一团糟"。Why did you try to do this DIY job in the first place?

**Neil**
To save money, of course.

**Jiaying**
Oh, dear. I think your botch job will become an expensive job. Anyway, here's a book to put on your new bookshelf.

**Neil**
Oh, thanks! What is it?

**Jiaying**
'Your Guide to Better DIY'.

**Neil**
Quick, where is the section on plumbing?

**Jiaying**
Ha, ha. Bye, Neil.

**Neil**
Bye.