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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

**FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE, SAVINGS
AND SIMILAR PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Mark One):

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-8207

A Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

The Home Depot FutureBuilder

**B Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:
The Home Depot, Inc.**

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Administrative Committee

The Home Depot FutureBuilder:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Home Depot FutureBuilder (the Plan) as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's Administrative Committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan's Administrative Committee, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Home Depot FutureBuilder as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information included in Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) December 31, 2005 and in Schedule H, Line 4a Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's Administrative Committee. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2005 basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2005 basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia

June 29, 2006

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Assets:		
Investments	\$ 2,396,002,530	\$ 2,268,277,757
Receivables:		
Participant contributions receivable	123,579	
Employer contributions receivable	2,073,290	1,050,491
Other receivables	983,857	632,527
Total receivables	3,180,726	1,683,018
Total assets	2,399,183,256	2,269,960,775
Liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	513,083	427,238
Due to broker	161,213	74,911
Total liabilities	674,296	502,149
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 2,398,508,960	\$ 2,269,458,626

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (26,228,927)	\$ 304,497,707
Interest income	14,521,164	10,294,275
Dividends	17,020,688	13,526,811
Total investment income	5,312,925	328,318,793
Contributions:		
Participants	255,558,263	212,343,895
Employer	121,125,391	106,356,506
Total contributions	376,683,654	318,700,401
Transfers from other plans, net		20,246,001
Total additions	381,996,579	667,265,195
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	245,060,614	214,863,806
Administrative expenses	7,885,631	6,903,908
Total deductions	252,946,245	221,767,714
Net increase	129,050,334	445,497,481
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	2,269,458,626	1,823,961,145
End of year	\$ 2,398,508,960	\$ 2,269,458,626

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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(1) Description of the Plan

The following is a brief description of The Home Depot FutureBuilder (the Plan). Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all U.S. associates of The Home Depot, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company). Associates are eligible to participate in the Plan for purposes of making elective deferrals after completing 90 days of service. Participants are eligible for the Company's matching contributions on the first day of the calendar quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1) coincident with or following the completion of 12 months of service and 1,000 hours. Temporary associates and certain THD At-Home Services, Inc. 100% commission associates are eligible to make before-tax contributions following the completion of 12 months of service and 1,000 hours. The Plan excludes leased associates, nonresident aliens, and associates covered by a collective bargaining agreement, unless the terms of the collective bargaining agreement require that the associate be eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to certain provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee made up of associates of Home Depot U.S.A., Inc.

Effective July 1, 2004, the Maintenance Warehouse FutureBuilder was merged with and into the Plan, at which time all participants in the Maintenance Warehouse FutureBuilder became participants in the Plan. Accordingly, net assets of \$20,246,001 were transferred into the Plan.

(b) Contributions

Under the 401(k) portion of the Plan, participants may contribute up to 50% of annual compensation on a pretax basis, as defined in the Plan, subject to regulatory limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing eligible rollover distributions from other qualified retirement plans. The Company provides matching contributions of 150% of the first 1% of eligible compensation contributed by a participant and 50% of the next 2% to 5% of eligible compensation contributed by a participant beginning on the first day of the calendar quarter following the completion of 12 months of service and 1,000 hours. THD At-Home Services 100% commission associates are not eligible to receive matching contributions. Associates of Williams Bros. Lumber Company, LLC (Williams Bros.) are eligible for matching contributions of 25% of the first 6% of compensation contributed by a participant. Additional amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's board of directors. Effective April 15, 2005, the default for the Company's matching contribution if no direction is given, is the participant's current investment election with respect to elective contributions. If the participant has made no affirmative investment election with respect to elective contributions, the default is the INVESCO Stable Value Trust.

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Certain former participants of the Maintenance Warehouse FutureBuilder are eligible for supplemental annual matching contributions. Eligible associates employed on or before July 1, 1999 who are actively employed by The Home Depot Supply, Inc. at December 31 of each calendar year receive a matching contribution equal to 4.5% of annual compensation. Additionally, eligible associates of The Home Depot Supply, Inc. employed on or before July 1, 2004 who are actively employed by The Home Depot Supply, Inc. at December 31 of each calendar year receive a matching contribution equal to 2.5% of annual compensation. Participants must continually contribute at least 3% of compensation to the Plan in order to remain eligible for the supplemental annual matching contributions. Participants designated by the Company as highly compensated associates are not eligible to receive the supplemental annual matching contributions.

Employee stock ownership contributions were made solely by the Company and at the discretion of the Company's board of directors (ESOP contributions). The Company made its last ESOP contribution in February 1999.

(c) Participant Accounts

The Plan maintains a separate account for each participant, to which contributions and investment performance are allocated.

(d) Vesting

A participant becomes 100% vested upon death, attaining age 65 while still employed, total or permanent disability, or if the Plan is terminated.

Under the 401(k) portion of the Plan, participants are immediately vested in their contributions and net value changes thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching and discretionary contributions and net value changes thereon is based on years of vesting service. A participant is 100% vested after three years of service.

Vesting for the ESOP contributions and earnings or losses thereon is based on years of service, as follows:

	Vesting
Years of service	Percentage
3	20%
4	40
5	60
6	80
7 or more	100

(e) Distributions

Upon death, disability, termination of service for any other reason, hardship, or attaining age 65, participants or beneficiaries may elect to receive a lump-sum payment of their vested account balance at fair value on the date of distribution in the form of cash or securities.

(f) Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to four years. The loans bear interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 1%. Certain loans with

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terms greater than four years remain outstanding, including loans granted to former participants of the Maintenance Warehouse FutureBuilder in order to acquire a residence and certain loans rolled over from retirement plans of acquired companies.

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(g) Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested accounts are used first to reduce Plan expenses and then to reduce future employer contributions. In 2005 and 2004, \$4,474,736 and \$4,042,858, respectively, in forfeitures were used to reduce Plan expenses.

(h) Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. These costs include legal, accounting and certain administrative fees. Expenses paid by the Plan include all other administrative costs not paid by the Company.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Plan in preparing its financial statements.

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The INVESCO Stable Value Trust contains certain investment contracts for which there is no active trading market, and as such are valued at their fair value as determined by the AMVESCAP National Trust Company. All other investments in units of collective trusts are valued at the respective net asset values as reported by such trusts. The Company's common stock is valued at its quoted market price as obtained from the New York Stock Exchange. Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date. The investment in short-term investment funds of The Northern Trust Company is reported at fair value as determined by The Northern Trust Company based on the quoted market prices of the securities in the fund.

Participant loans are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

The Plan's investments include funds which invest in various types of investment securities and in various companies within various markets. Investment securities are exposed to several risks, such as interest rate, market, credit, and individual country and currency risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules.

(c) Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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(d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the Administrative Committee of the Plan to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(e) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. In addition, the carrying amount of receivables and liabilities is a reasonable approximation of the fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

(f) Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior year have been reclassified to conform with the presentation adopted in the current year.

(3) Federal Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated April 9, 2002, that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the last determination letter. However, the Administrative Committee of the Plan believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

(4) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

(5) Investments

The Plan's investments are held by the Trustee of the Plan, The Northern Trust Company. A description of the Plan's investment options follows:

The Home Depot, Inc. Common Stock Funds are invested in common stock of The Home Depot, Inc.

Artisan Mid-Cap Fund Funds are invested in a collective trust that invests in common stocks of mid-sized companies that display strong growth prospects.

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Barclays Global Investors (BGI) Equity Index Stock Fund Funds are invested in a collective trust that invests in the common stocks included in Standard & Poor s 500 Index.

Dodge & Cox Stock Fund Funds are invested in shares of a registered investment company that invests in common stocks of companies that the fund s managers believe to be temporarily undervalued but have favorable long-term growth prospects.

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BGI Balanced Fund Funds are invested in a synthetic fund that invests its assets in the BGI Equity Index Stock Fund and the BGI AGG BD U.S. Debt Fund.

T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund Funds are invested in shares of a registered investment company that invests in common stocks of small, fast-growing companies that are believed to offer strong potential earnings growth or are undervalued.

Templeton Foreign Fund Funds are invested in shares of a registered investment company that invests in stocks and debt obligations of companies and governments outside the U.S.

INVESCO Stable Value Trust Funds are invested in a collective trust that primarily invests in short-term debt obligations that mature within one to three years.

The Northern Trust Company Coltv Short-Term Investment Fund Funds are invested in a collective trust that invests in short-term, highly liquid investments.

INVESCO Fundamental Core Balanced Trust Funds were invested in a collective trust that invests in a combination of equity and fixed income securities. Effective July 1, 2005, the Investment Committee for the Plan replaced this Trust with the BGI Balanced Fund.

The fair value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31, 2005 and 2004 are as follows:

	2005	2004
The Home Depot, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 1,246,952,314	\$ 1,430,789,030
INVESCO Stable Value Trust	219,117,253	149,064,711
Artisan Mid-Cap Fund	214,871,093	168,490,753
BGI Equity Index Stock Fund	193,600,829	116,935,068
Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	154,177,447	82,810,392

During 2005 and 2004, the Plan's investments (depreciated) appreciated in fair value as follows:

	2005	2004
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value:		
The Home Depot, Inc. Common Stock	\$ (75,978,206)	\$ 244,098,085
Collective trust funds	27,856,511	39,917,151
Registered investment funds	21,892,768	20,482,471
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value	\$ (26,228,927)	\$ 304,497,707

(6) Investment in Master Trust

The assets of the Plan are invested in a Master Trust. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the Master Trust was approximately 99%, with The Home Depot FutureBuilder for Puerto Rico holding the remaining interest.

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Summarized financial information of the Master Trust as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	2005	2004
Assets:		
Investments	\$ 2,399,869,862	\$ 2,271,120,324
Receivables:		
Participant contributions receivable	123,579	
Employer contributions receivable	2,073,290	1,050,491
Other receivables	983,857	632,527
Total receivables	3,180,726	1,683,018
Total assets	2,403,050,588	2,272,803,342
Liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	513,083	427,238
Payable to broker	161,213	74,911
Total liabilities	674,296	502,149
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 2,402,376,292	\$ 2,272,301,193

Net assets, investment income and administrative expenses related to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual plans based upon actual activity for each of the plans. Investment income for the Master Trust for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	2005	2004
Investment income:		
(Depreciation) Appreciation in fair value of investments:		
The Home Depot, Inc. Common Stock	\$ (76,053,489)	\$ 244,278,095
Collective trust funds	27,899,586	40,153,813
Registered investment funds	21,918,432	20,524,668
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	(26,235,471)	304,956,576
Dividends and interest income	31,579,583	23,911,954
Total investment income	\$ 5,344,112	\$ 328,868,530

(7) Related-Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments include shares of common stock issued by The Home Depot, Inc., the Plan Sponsor. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Plan held a combined total of 30,804,158 and 33,476,580 shares valued at approximately \$40.48 and \$42.74 per share, respectively.

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Additionally, dividends received by the Plan include dividends paid by The Home Depot, Inc. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions since The Home Depot, Inc. is the Plan Sponsor.

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Plan investments include units of short-term investment funds managed by The Northern Trust Company. The Northern Trust Company is the Trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

(8) Plan Amendments and Other Plan Changes

Effective July 1, 2004, the Plan was amended to reflect the merger of The Maintenance Warehouse FutureBuilder with and into the Plan.

Effective January 1, 2005, the Plan was amended to (i) modify the break-in-service rules applicable to associates of acquired entities; (ii) reduce the mandatory cash out limit to \$1,000 (effective March 28, 2005); (iii) add newly-acquired affiliates as participating employers; (iv) terminate the special matching contribution rate for associates of White Cap Construction Supply, Inc.; and (v) provide that the Company stock fund is the only portion of the Plan intended to constitute an employee stock ownership plan (effective January 1, 2006).

Effective July 1, 2005, the Plan was amended to add Williams Bros. as a participating employer and to provide a special matching contribution rate to Williams Bros. associates.

Effective July 1, 2005, the Investment Committee replaced the INVESCO Fundamental Core Balanced Fund with the BGI Balanced Fund.

(9) Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for Plan benefits as presented in these financial statements to the balance per Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2005
Net assets available for plan benefits	\$ 2,398,508,960
Deemed distributions	(360,843)
Net assets available for plan benefits - Form 5500	\$ 2,398,148,117

Deemed distributions are defaulted and unpaid participant loans.

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The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for Plan benefits as presented in these financial statements and Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2005
Increase in net assets per statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits	\$ 129,050,334
Deemed distributions	(153,902)
Paid-off deemed distributions	11,720
 Net income - Part II Line K Form 5500	 \$ 128,908,152

Paid-off deemed distributions are cash receipts on defaulted participant loans of active participants reported on Form 5500 in previous years.

(10) Nonexempt transactions

For the plan years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, there were isolated, immaterial instances in which subsidiaries of the Company failed to remit participant contributions and loan repayments to the Plan in the time required by the Department of Labor, representing a nonexempt loan of funds to the subsidiaries from the Plan. Certain of these late contributions and loan repayments have been corrected, and the Plan's administrative committee is currently in the process of identifying any late contributions or loan repayments that have not yet been corrected and calculating the interest due on such amounts, which is not expected to be material.

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Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2005

Identity of issue		Description	Current value
		of investment	
* The Home Depot, Inc. Common Stock	30,804,158	shares of common stock	\$ 1,246,952,314
INVESCO Stable Value Trust	219,117,253	units of collective trust	219,117,253
Artisan Mid-Cap Fund	6,949,259	units of collective trust	214,871,093
BGI Equity Index Stock Fund	5,097,442	units of collective trust	193,600,829
* The Northern Trust Company Coltv Short-Term Investment Fund			