

How many options will I get to choose from?

This depends on your project scope. We will sometimes have alternate options for both materials and furnishings as we see fit when working on your plans. If upon presenting our ideas to you, you feel like you need more options or alternate options, we are happy to provide them to you.

What if I don't like my designs, or samples after seeing them in person?

During phase two of our process, there is room for edits and re-selections. We typically perform one round of re-selections where needed. We always want to make sure that you are confident in your furnishing/material selections and the investment you're making before proceeding with purchasing or procurement. We curate as many samples as possible to present to you, so you can feel confident in the choices you're making. If you don't like a sample after seeing it in person, we are happy to make a reselection. If for some reason you didn't like anything presented, there may be an additional hourly fee incurred if we have to do a complete overhaul/re-design.

How involved in the process do I need to be?

In the beginning of any project, there is a lot of communication that needs to take place so we have a full understanding of your lifestyle and what you want included in your designs. We will email you asking questions throughout your project when we need clarifications. We will need you to be available for virtual or in-person meetings as needed throughout the project, and we make sure to work with your schedule when scheduling these meetings. If you are partially DIYing your project then you will want to be more involved towards the end of design phases before implementation begins, so you have a strong understanding of how to proceed with design plans.

What programs do you use for your renderings and virtual walkthroughs?

We use Chief Architect software for our 3D renderings, construction drawings, and virtual walkthroughs. We use Wecora for collaborating on 2D selections boards, either for surface materials or furnishings and accessories. We use a google drive folder for delivering your final designs (if applicable).

How long will my project take?

During the design phases, most new construction or extensive remodels take 4-8 months from start date to completion, and smaller projects take 2-4 months, depending on scope. Once design plans are finalized (or nearing completion), discussing a realistic construction timeline with your contractor is beneficial. Construction can last anywhere from 2-12 months, which depends on the contractor and scope of your project.

Do you manage my project through construction?

If your project scope is for full-service design, we absolutely do! We typically include an hourly estimate for project management during construction. Any hours over our estimate will be charged at our hourly rate. We advocate that our team be integral during the construction and project management process to ensure that we see our designs through to completion and avoid costly mistakes. There will always be changes and hard decisions that have to be made, and having a designer support you through that process is monumental.

Do I need to have a contractor lined up before my design project begins?

No! We have relationships with multiple contractors and will refer you to whom we think would be the best fit for your project. If we need to conduct interviews with potential contractors, we can help guide you through that process. It's typically best to have a contractor (or a few) lined up to bid on our designs during the finalization phase, to ensure we can accomplish all the elements proposed in design plans.

How much should I budget for my remodeling project?

Start by setting a total dollar amount you do not want to exceed. What average numbers look like ultimately depends on the type and scope of your project, the cost of materials, and many other factors. Most articles you find on google are well below what you will spend post-pandemic. Set aside 15-25% of your budget as a contingency for unforeseen expenses. Your designer will review material budgets and contractor bids with you in detail during your design phases.

What should I consider before remodeling?

There are many things to consider when beginning the process! First, we recommend you start planning your dreams and setting realistic goals. Think about the functionality of your space(s), your style, and your needs, and create a list of things that are working and are not working or that you would like to be improved. Start planning your budget. Establish the very top of what you can afford and then deduct 20% for a contingency. Have a timeline or timeframe in mind, but post-pandemic, it's essential to be flexible. Start communicating all these things swirling around in your head with your designer so we can help guide you in the directions best suited for you.

What home improvements add the most value?

This all depends on the type of house you own and to whom you're selling; however, many renovations will add a significant amount of aesthetic, functional, and financial value to your home. Upgrades that add square footage, creating open-concept layouts and exterior updates to enhance curb appeal. Other large undertakings like kitchen or bathroom remodeling with high-quality materials and fixtures with spacious layouts are high on the list. Any upgrades to improve your home and appliance's energy and efficiency, reduce maintenance, and add more natural light are essential to consider as well.

When is the best time to start a remodeling project?

The best time to start your project depends on many factors relevant to your unique lifestyle. You'll want to consider when the project will be the least disruptive to your schedule. Interior projects like kitchens and baths can be done year-round since they are not dependent on the weather, whereas additions will need to be planned during weather-permitting months. A contractor can review and give feedback about when is ideal for your specific project.