

How to Prepare for a Home Renovation.

*Preparing your family for renovation is
no small undertaking.*



Creating inspired interiors for the story of home

The background of the page features a vertical strip on the left containing architectural drawings. At the top, there is a technical drawing of a kitchen with green cabinetry and a sink. Below that is a photograph of a fireplace with a bright orange and yellow fire. The bottom section shows a floor plan with red lines and a circular feature, possibly a rug or a well.

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Design can help with
your renovation.



Hi there

I'm Jaclyn Sullivan, Owner + Principal Designer
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Life can get hectic, and decision-making can be stressful, time-consuming, and often expensive. That's where I come in. With more than a decade of experience in remodeling and new construction, I've created a comprehensive guide to help you plan your home renovation project. This way, you'll be ready when the dust finally settles.



Embarking on a home improvement project can be an exciting yet daunting time. Whether you're looking to enhance your living space or increase the resale value of your property, the terms "full renovation" and "gut renovation" are likely to come up



What is the difference?

Full Renovation

A full renovation means that you're replacing all old fixtures and finishes with new ones, while leaving everything in place. So, effectively, the layout is the same before and after the renovation. This is the more straightforward way to reimagine your space, and can often be done with a licensed general contractor and designer.

Gut Renovation

For a gut renovation, you'll be dropping walls, rerouting plumbing lines and rewiring electrical—generally stripping the room to the studs and subfloor (or, even removing these!) in order to change up the layout of the space. This kind of transformational project will require professional designer, permitting, and licensed general contractors, which ensures the work is done safely and to code.





1 *Clearly Define your Renovation Goals.*

To ensure the success of your project, it's important to identify its ultimate objective. This means pinpointing the specific areas or aspects of your home that require improvement. By establishing a clear set of goals, you can stay organized and focused throughout the process.

2 *Set a realistic budget.*



To determine your investment for the project, it's crucial to work with an interior designer early in the process. We assist you in establishing a budget based on your project goals and scope of work. We recommend leaving some leeway in your budget for unforeseeable surprises that may require adjustments as the project progresses. Plan to allot around 10 to 20% of your total budget for unexpected expenses.

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Deciding to stay or go during a renovation.



It's best to pack a suitcase if either 60% of your home is being renovated or if you're unable to easily separate the living area from the construction zone.



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Preparing your home.

As you gear up for your renovation, it's time to start thinking about packing up your personal belongings, furniture, and other items that may obstruct the process. This is a great opportunity to evaluate if there are things that you can part with before the renovation. To ensure a smooth transition, carefully consider what items you will need to keep and what items will be essential. For instance, in a kitchen renovation, try to limit your belongings to the essentials – such as a few place settings and a coffee maker. Similarly, in a bathroom renovation, keep your towels and personal items to a minimum.

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Identify storage solutions.



If you plan on keeping any of your belongings, it's important to store them properly while the work is being carried out. Do you have an extra room in your house that you can use for storage? If not, consider using a portable storage container or renting a storage unit to keep your items organized, secure and out of the way.

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Have a safe appliance plan.

One of the most significant inconveniences when renovating a kitchen is not having access to appliances. However, there are several ways to mitigate this. Consider setting up a "mini-kitchen" with temporary solutions such as mini-fridges and countertop microwaves. Ensure that these appliances are compatible with standard 120v outlet receptacles. Additionally, consider upgrading to a GFCI to safeguard your home. If the weather permits, try to use your outdoor grill as much as possible or take advantage of food delivery services.



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Stay safe and secure



When you're renovating your home, it can feel like a never-ending cycle of people coming and going, including your designer, contractor, and various tradespeople. To keep things secure, consider installing a smart lock that can be reprogrammed to grant access for a limited period of time. This ensures that only authorized individuals can enter your home, giving you peace of mind during the renovation process.

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Prepare for disruptions & think through the daily inconveniences.



Home renovations can be disruptive to your daily routine. It's important to be prepared for the noise, dust, and limited access to your home during the construction phase. It will be stressful at times. We tell our clients to plan to get away for the weekend or plan a trip, go out to nice dinners, make an appointment for the spa or a massage.

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Trust the Process & your team



Most people feel overwhelmed at the idea of renovating. It is a big commitment that you should be going into consciously. At the same time, if you have the right team at your fingertips, you have greatly reduced the anxiety of the process to the point where you can actually enjoy it. With over a decade in design and construction, we have experience with a wide range of projects from a simple powder room remodel to custom homes.



Want to learn more

on how we can work together
on your next project?



Start by

Booking a 20 minute
complimentary design
discovery call to discuss
your project.

*We look forward to speaking
with you!*

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