

THE ULTIMATE CHECKLIST

TO PLAN YOUR NEXT REMODEL



Everything you need to know before starting your next home renovation

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HOME RENOVATION

STEP BY STEP GUIDE
TO A SUCCESSFUL
RENOVATION PROJECT

Renovating your home feels exciting but also overwhelming. There are so many things to think about- the scope of work, the design plans, the budget, the contractors. Fortunately, the whole process is totally manageable with the right plans in place.

Here we will outline each step of the home renovation process so you can feel confident about building the home of your dreams.

CREATE A RENOVATION PLAN

- Develop a clear description of what you want to change in your home and specific goals for your renovation project.
- Define your priorities - which renovation items are "must-haves," and which would be "nice to have" if your budget allows.



DEFINE GOALS AND SET PRIORITIES

- Your home renovation should provide you with improved function, comfort and convenience. To achieve this, you need to set some general goals for your project and determine what your priorities are.
- Focus your renovation goals on what you want to achieve in relation to your lifestyle. There are three important aspects you should pay particular attention to:
 - USE OF SPACE- How you use a space determines the amount of space required and how the rooms flow into one another
 - LIGHT- What general lighting requirements are needed?
 - TRAFFIC PATTERNS- How does one access one room to another?

CREATE A VISION MOOD BOARD

- A vision mood board depicts how you want something to look and how you want to feel in your new space. They are simply a visual summary of all your goals.
- Get inspired by collecting images on Pinterest, Instagram, and Design Magazines.

THE DESIGN PROCESS

A successful renovation depends on good design. Whether it's a minor or major renovation, the success of your renovation most of the time is determined by the quality of your design.

- For a simple renovation project, you and the renovator may be able to work out the design details.
- If your renovation is large or complex, its best that the design be delt with first and managed by a professional designer



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- **DESIGN STYLE**-Designers can help you pinpoint your design style. With the access to so many design choices, a designer can help you narrow your choices.
- **SAVE MONEY & TIME** - Designers can ensure you get the best value for your home improvement as they are experts in making these design decisions.
- **INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME**- working with an interior designer, you will learn what aspects of the design can impact property value more than others.
- **THEY CAN MANAGE THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROCESS** - Designers oversee the complicated day-to-day operations of ordering items, keeping track of the budget, and directing vendors.
- **COMPLETE SET OF DRAWINGS**- A full set of design drawings are developed in 2 or 3D which allows you to see exactly what your renovation will look like.

INTERVIEW MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS

- **REQUEST REFERRALS** - Reach out to friends and family for contractor referrals.
- **READ REVIEWS**- Spend time reading online reviews (on their website and online).
- **SITE VISIT** - Get 3 contractors to do a site visit and ask for estimates based on the scope of work.
- **NARROW IT DOWN**- Do **REFERENCE** checks! Ask for references and follow through on calling the references.
- **REFERENCE CHECK** -Ask the right questions- What was their construction process like? What was the communication like throughout the renovation? How was the timeline? Did the job run longer? How was the budget managed? Did you run over?

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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RENOVATION

- **TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE**- The best results come from good communication and a good working relationship between you and your renovator. Ask a lot of questions and stay informed.
- **DON'T EXPECT A PROBLEM-FREE RENOVATION**-Be flexible and understand that some things are beyond the renovator's or your control.
- **PLAN A BUDGET CONTIGENCY**- Unexpected expenses or a change of work scope can drive prices up. It's best to plan for a 15-20% contingency.
- **HAVE FUN**-Lastly have fun and enjoy the process, because those after picture reveals are stunning!

