

# Home Renovations check list

## Planning Stage

### 1. Define Goals:

- Determine the purpose of the renovation (e.g., update style, increase space, add functionality).
- Identify which areas of the home will be renovated.

### 2. Budget:

- Set a realistic budget, including a contingency fund (10-20% of the total budget).

### 3. Research:

- Gather inspiration and ideas from magazines, websites, and social media.
- Research materials, finishes, and fixtures.
- Look into local building codes and permits.

### 4. Hire Professionals:

- Find and hire a reputable contractor, architect, or designer.
- Obtain multiple quotes and check references.

## Pre-Renovation

### 1. Create a Timeline:

- Develop a detailed timeline for the project, including start and end dates.
- Plan for any temporary living arrangements if necessary.

### 2. Design and Plan:

- Finalize design plans and get them approved.
- Select and order materials, fixtures, and appliances.
- Obtain necessary permits.

### 3. Prepare the Space:

- Clear out the areas to be renovated.
- Protect furniture and other belongings from dust and damage.

## During Renovation

### 1. Communication:

- Maintain regular communication with your contractor and other professionals.
- Schedule regular site visits to monitor progress.

### 2. Manage Changes:

- Be prepared for unexpected issues and changes.
- Approve change orders and track any additional costs.

### **3. Quality Control:**

- **Inspect work regularly to ensure it meets your standards.**
- **Address any issues immediately with your contractor.**

## **Post-Renovation**

### **1. Final Inspection:**

- **Conduct a final walkthrough with your contractor.**
- **Create a punch list of any remaining tasks or touch-ups.**

### **2. Cleaning:**

- **Arrange for a thorough cleaning of the renovated area.**

### **3. Review and Approve:**

- **Review the completed work and ensure all contractual obligations have been met.**
- **Make final payments to contractors and professionals.**

### **4. Enjoy Your Renovated Space:**

- **Move back in and enjoy your newly renovated home.**
- **Keep records of warranties, manuals, and maintenance schedules for new appliances and systems.**

## **Follow-Up**

### **1. Maintenance:**

- **Regularly maintain and inspect the renovated areas to ensure longevity and functionality.**
- **Schedule routine maintenance for any new systems or appliances.**

## **Additional Tips**

- **Stay Flexible:** Be prepared to adapt to changes and unforeseen issues.
- **Keep Records:** Maintain detailed records of all communications, contracts, payments, and changes.
- **Stay Organized:** Use project management tools or apps to keep track of tasks, timelines, and expenses.

**Following this checklist can help ensure your home renovation project runs smoothly and achieves the desired results.**