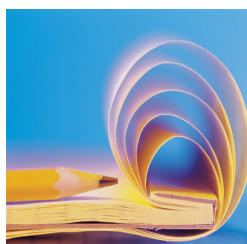


Turning your
house into
your dream
home

DOING IT RIGHT

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Careful planning is the key to any successful remodeling project.

Pre-Planning Your Renovation

The key to successful home renovation -

is found in careful planning and a solid understanding of what you hope to achieve and why.

Most renovations begin with practical issues. What problem are you trying to solve?

Do you need to:

- Repair or replace something
- Freshen up a tired room
- Update a room
- Increase available space
- Change room usage

Take Inventory

Make a list of everything you need – or want – to do in your home. Include information such as:

- ◆ What you want to change
- ◆ What you wish to achieve with this change
- ◆ Future alterations you want to make

Three Important Aspects To Consider

1. Use of space – What activities happen in this room? What new or existing furniture must fit in and how? Does it need to be sound proofed? Need more closet space? Living space? A fireplace?
2. Light – What are the lighting requirements for this room? Is the window adequate? Do you need more light? More windows? Skylights? Light fixtures? What kind of fixtures are you looking for?
3. Traffic patterns – Does this room provide access to other frequently used rooms in the house? Is there a way to change the room to take best advantage of the space available without disrupting traffic flow? Is there a better way to direct traffic in the room or around it?

Future Needs

While planning don't forget to consider your future needs as well as the present ones.

- ◆ Is your family situation likely to change in any way? Increase – decrease? Young children? Elderly parents? Children getting close to the age when they will need more space of their own? Pets?



The planning and dreaming stage is all about exploring ideas.

- ◆ How long are you planning to stay in this home? What kind of changes do you expect within that time?
IE: family size and age; pets – large or small; hobby room – what kind of space will you need; music room—sound proof; games room—what kind of games; etc.

Your Dream List

After creating your priority list— record all the specific features you would like to include. Think about the significance of each item on your list and number them in order of importance.

This stage is all about exploring ideas. Visit friends or family—look around and see how they’ve handled your specific issues.

Visit your local building stores—see what they’ve done, what new products are available, and which ones will provide you with the “look” you’re aiming for.

Pick up information fliers for each item you’re considering, be sure to include the price if it’s missing.

This information will prove invaluable when it comes time to choose the items that will fulfill your dream while staying within your budget. (See *Volume 1 Issue #2 of Do It Right for more information on budgeting*).

Now you’re ready and armed to give your professional renovator a good understanding of exactly what you wish to do, and how you want to do it.

Upcoming Topics

- ⇒ Quality or discount
- ⇒ Finding the right contractor
- ⇒ Best time to renovate

For more information:

Need help in planning your remodeling project so you can turn your house into your dream home?

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