

# Remodeling Project Planning Checklist

Plan Your Dream Remodel With Confidence and Clarity

Whether you're remodeling your kitchen, bath, or whole home, this checklist will help you avoid surprises, stay on budget, and feel in control—every step of the way.

## 1. Define Your Goals

What do you want to improve (space, function, style)?

Who is using the space now—and in the future?

What frustrations are you hoping to eliminate?

Is this remodel for resale, lifestyle, or both?

## 2. Establish a Realistic Budget

Research typical costs for your type of remodel

Add 10–20% for contingency/emergency

Decide how you'll finance the project (cash, loan, HELOC)

Identify priorities vs. nice-to-haves

## 3. Research and Gather Inspiration

Save photos, links, or magazine clippings of styles you love

Create a mood board (Pinterest, Houzz, or physical board)

Clarify what kind of materials, layouts, or finishes appeal to you

## 4. Choose the Right Remodeling Partner

Ask for referrals or check online reviews

Interview at least two contractors

Ask about process, timeline, communication, and cleanup

Make sure they're licensed, insured, and experienced in your type of project

## 5. Understand the Timeline

Discuss availability and lead times with your contractor

Consider time needed for design, permits, and product orders

Plan for temporary living or kitchen arrangements if needed

## **6. Prepare for the Disruption**

Identify where pets and children will be during work hours

Set up a temporary kitchen or bathroom if needed

Communicate with your contractor about daily start/end times and access

## **7. Finalize Design & Materials**

Choose flooring, cabinetry, countertops, lighting, paint, etc.

Approve all designs and material selections before work begins

Get final pricing and sign contract

## **8. Communicate Clearly During the Project**

Decide on a primary point of contact

Schedule regular updates or walkthroughs

Track progress and approve change orders in writing

## **9. Prepare for Completion**

Walk through the project with your contractor

Make a punch list for final adjustments

Get copies of warranties and care instructions

Leave a review and enjoy your new space!