

Home Renovation Checklist

Make a Plan

- Write down a list of updates and separate into two columns: must-haves and nice-to-haves
- Seek inspiration from design photos to help communicate your vision to a designer/contractor

Set a Budget

- Research which projects you'll be able to tackle and what you'll hand off to a professional
- Calculate a budget and include an additional 10% for unexpected expenses

Create a Timeline

- Map out the renovation from start to finish—be realistic and account for some delays
- Make sure to write down all of your projects, no matter how big or small

Hire a Contractor

- Find a contractor who will help you stay within your budget and on schedule
- Before you hire a contractor, ask for references from past projects and clients
- Create an official contract with a list of expectations for the project

Project Management

- Work with your contractor to determine which projects will be completed first
- Plan updates that include multiple rooms, like hardwood flooring, to be done all at once
- Smaller projects should be planned and completed room by room

Do It Yourself

Tip! Tackling smaller projects yourself can help shrink your budget. Painting, installing light fixtures, or tiling a backsplash are types of projects you may be able to accomplish on your own

- Before you buy, ask friends and family if they have tools you can borrow to save money