



Starting a Remodel

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**Where do I start?**

Congratulations on beginning the process of remodeling your home. This is a big step and we want to make it easier for you. You don't have to know everything up front—that's our job as a remodeler to help you through this—but there are some things you can do on the front-end even before contacting us. This checklist can help you to start organizing the details of your project.

**Create your wish list.**

*This is the exciting part, but it's also very important. Before anything else, it's a good idea to think about the scope of the project. It's usually best to consult anyone else in the house who will be using this space. List your needs, then wants. Knowing what you absolutely have to have versus what you can live without will come in handy when it comes to decision-making and budgeting later.*

Needs	Wants

**Determine your style.**

*Consider your personal style and the style of your home. Is it traditional, transitional, modern, or contemporary? What inspires you? Are you drawing from a cultural or artistic style? If you've already begun to gather photos for inspiration and ideas, you may see a design pattern emerging. Reflect on that and think of how that would look in your home. It's your style and your home, but beware of trends. Who would want to go through the remodeling process only to have an outdated home a few years later? We wouldn't want you to have to go through that.*

Personal:	Home:
Cultural:	Artistic:

**Recognize your time line.**

*Do you have an event coming up that you'd like an entertainment space for? Maybe you have family coming to visit this year, or you'd like the project completed before the holidays. Or maybe you want to start ASAP because you're done with what you have now. Whatever your time line, it's best to give yourself ample time for the project from start to finish. Note: It's not uncommon that selections and design alone take 30 days or more to complete before production even starts.*

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Establish your budget.**

*This is perhaps the hardest step in beginning a remodeling project. The most important thing is to be honest with yourself. What can you reasonably afford? Will your budget cover everything on your wish list? If you've already done your homework, you probably have an idea of what the investment for your project will be. But be prepared: oftentimes those we discuss projects with are surprised by what the actual investment for a project will be. It's a good idea to determine what your desired budget is and the maximum amount you're willing to invest. Remember: a remodeling project, when done correctly, is an investment, not a cost.*

Desired Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

The process of starting a remodeling project might be exciting and scary all at the same time. We want to be here for you every step of the way. Above all else, we care.

When you're ready to begin discussing your project with a professional, give us a call at 262.754.3770 and let's get started!