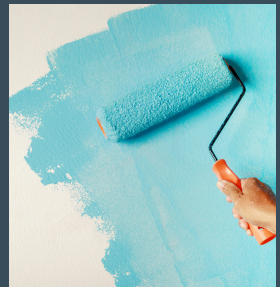
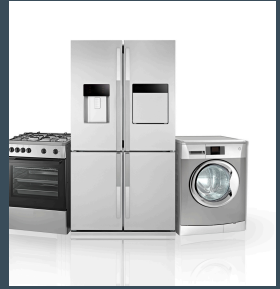


STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

House Renovation Checklist

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NICE TO MEET YOU!

Hi! I'm Your Coach

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Hi!

How are things coming along for you? Are you ready to start diving into your home renovation or remodeling project? That can be both exciting as well as nerve wracking and overwhelming!

To help you along in the process, I've compiled a checklist of the steps to follow when doing a renovation or remodel. A lot of this works for a build as well but there are some additional steps for a new home or addition that aren't covered here. (If you want to have a chat about that, let me know)

My goal is always to help where I can and to make the whole process easier and more fun for you!

Hopefully this step by step check list can cut some research time for you.

Whatever the case, here we go! Enjoy it ~

Happy renovating!



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Initial Planning and Budgeting

Products	Company
Define Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine which areas of the home will be remodeled (e.g., kitchen, bathrooms, living spaces, exterior, etc.).• Establish whether the renovation is partial (specific rooms) or full (entire house).• Get specific! What are the changes & what's the look• Identify any structural changes or additions needed.
Prioritize Needs vs. Wants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguish between essential updates (e.g., fixing roofing or plumbing issues) and optional enhancements (e.g., luxury upgrades or cosmetic changes).• Create a priority list based on functional needs and long-term goals.• Determine whether you will stay in house or not during the process
Set a Realistic Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research typical renovation costs for similar projects. (We offer a consult to help you develop a realistic budget based on your scope of work, requirements & location using current data in your geo area)• Factor in contingency funds (usually 10-20%) for unforeseen expenses.• Consider financing options (loans, savings, or equity lines) and how they align with the total budget.
Timeline and Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a realistic timeframe for the project.• Add a buffer for current unknown factors• Identify any seasonal constraints (e.g., landscaping, exterior work in winter).• Plan around personal or family schedules, such as vacations or holidays.
Research Design Ideas and Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Browse design styles, colors, and materials that align with your vision.• Consider the home's existing architecture and how renovations will complement it.• Take note of any trends that improve energy efficiency or resale value.• Create Mood Boards (See our blog for more tips & info)

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Long-Term Maintenance and Longevity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that chosen materials and finishes are durable and suited to your lifestyle.• Factor in maintenance requirements (e.g., hardwood floors vs. tile, exterior siding options).• Verify warranty, service contracts for all items being considered



Hiring Contractors and Designers

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Identify Key Professionals Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess the need for architects, interior designers, structural engineers, and general contractors.• Determine if specialty contractors (plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians) are required.
Research and Vet Potential Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look up contractors with strong portfolios and positive reviews.• Verify licenses, certifications, and insurance coverage.• Obtain references from past clients and review any legal issues (e.g., lawsuits, complaints).
Obtain Multiple Quotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request detailed bids from at least three contractors for comparison.• Ensure quotes include a breakdown of labor, materials, and estimated timelines.• Ask about payment schedules, deposit requirements, and total project cost.
Review Contract Terms Thoroughly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the contract outlines the full scope of work, materials to be used, timeline, and budget.• Include a clause for handling unexpected issues or delays (e.g., change orders).• Confirm warranty information and terms for post-project support or repairs.
Communication and Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine who will be the main point of contact during the project (e.g., general contractor or homeowner).• Set up regular check-ins or progress updates (weekly meetings, photos, reports).• Ensure clarity on how decisions or changes will be communicated and approved.

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Check Safety and Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm that contractors follow safety protocols (e.g., proper gear, safe demolition practices).• Ensure they carry liability insurance in case of property damage or worker injury.• Discuss any specific insurance coverage the homeowner may need during renovation.
Permitting Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some contractors should obtain permits for their own scope of work. A general contractor should also obtain permits for the whole project. Verify this service is clearly included or clarified in the agreement.• Verify that all contractors understand local regulations and are responsible for inspections as needed.



Permits and Regulations

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Identify Necessary Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research the permits required for structural changes, electrical and plumbing updates, and exterior work.• Permits may be needed for additions, significant remodels, demolitions, or even roofing.• Determine which contractors are responsible for which permits and which are required for you to do.
Consult with Local Building Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect all required documentation (design plans, engineer reports, contractor information) for permit submission.• Ensure that applications are submitted early to avoid delays in the project timeline.• Request information on processing time as well as inspection processes & requirements• Verify scope of work is in compliance with local codes prior to submission
Consult w/ Architects, Engineers, Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine the contractors, architects & engineers needed for your project and set initial meetings to discuss scope of work• Determine which contractors, architects, engineers to include in project and hire• Modify initial project plan, scope of work, budget and timeline based off of adjustments from your team• For more on this topic, check out our Home Renovation & Remodeling Toolkit course (https://www.netgainrealestate.com/house-renovation-services/modern-home-renovation-course/)
Address Environmental or Hazardous Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the home is older, check for materials like lead paint or asbestos that may require special permits for removal.• Environmental regulations may also apply if the project impacts water run-off, trees, or other natural features.
Manage Historical or HOA Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the home is located in an historical district or governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA), additional approvals or restrictions may apply.• Address these early in the planning process to avoid design changes or delays.
Developing Project Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure all plans, scope of work and installations adhere to the most current code requirements to avoid rework or penalties. (as noted above)

Demolition and Site Preparation

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Determine Scope of Demolition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify which parts of the home need to be demolished (e.g., walls, flooring, fixtures, cabinetry).• Assess structural elements that should be preserved or protected during demolition.• Contract with Engineer for inspection prior to demo if structural changes or walls being removed.• Ensure that any necessary permits are obtained before demolition begins, especially for structural or exterior changes.
Safety Precautions and Protections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install temporary supports if demolishing load-bearing walls or structures.• Protect areas of the home not undergoing demolition with plastic sheeting, dust barriers, and floor coverings.• Follow safety protocols for hazardous materials like asbestos or lead paint.
Temporary Utilities Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If necessary, temporarily shut off and/or reroute utilities such as water, electricity, and gas to ensure safety during demolition.• Set up temporary power or lighting for areas undergoing work.
Disposal and Recycling of Debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrange for proper disposal of demolition debris, including renting dumpsters or contracting hauling services.• Recycle or repurpose materials where possible, such as wood, metal, and fixtures.
Inspect and Address Hidden Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once walls, floors, and ceilings are opened, inspect for hidden issues like mold, termite damage, or faulty wiring/plumbing.• Address these problems before moving forward with new construction.• Schedule inspections if required for demolition work.
Clean-Up and Site Preparation for Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thoroughly clean up debris and dust after demolition is completed to create a safe workspace.• Prepare the site for the next phase of work, including leveling floors or clearing out unwanted items.

Structural Changes and Framing

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Identify Necessary Structural Modifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the need for any structural changes, such as removing or adding walls, creating new openings (e.g., windows or doors), or adding beams for support.• Ensure that these modifications align with the new design and functionality of the space.
Load-Bearing Walls, Support Beams & Headers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consult with a structural engineer if altering or removing load-bearing walls.• Install necessary supports, such as beams or columns, to maintain structural integrity.• Install any required support beams or headers in areas where walls have been removed or altered.• Properly distribute weight to avoid structural instability in the future.
Additions and Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For home additions, frame new sections of the house, ensuring that they integrate smoothly with the existing structure.• Consider how the addition will affect foundation work and structural loads.
Reinforce Foundations (if necessary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In cases where structural changes involve heavy loads, inspect and reinforce the foundation.• Ensure that the foundation can bear the weight of any additions or modifications.
Framing for New Layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frame out new rooms, walls, or extensions as per the architectural plans.• Ensure all framing is level, square, and in accordance with building codes.
Inspections and Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule inspections for structural and framing work to ensure compliance with local codes and standards.• Address any issues or recommendations made by building inspectors before proceeding to the next step.

Roofing and Exterior Repairs

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Roof Inspection and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect the existing roof to determine whether repairs, partial replacement, or full replacement is necessary.• Look for leaks, damaged shingles, sagging areas, and other signs of wear.
Roofing Material Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose appropriate roofing materials (e.g., asphalt shingles, metal roofing, tile) based on durability, aesthetic, and local climate.• Consider energy-efficient options that help with insulation and solar reflection
Roof Repairs or Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repair damaged areas, including replacing shingles or tiles, fixing leaks, and reinforcing areas where needed.• If a full replacement is needed, remove the existing roof and install the new roofing system according to manufacturer guidelines.
Gutters, Downspouts, and Drainage Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts.• Repair or replace damaged sections to ensure proper drainage and avoid water damage to the foundation or exterior walls.
Exterior Siding and Cladding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repair or replace any damaged exterior siding or cladding materials (e.g., wood, brick, vinyl).• Consider upgrading to more durable or energy-efficient materials if needed.
Windows and Exterior Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect windows and doors for drafts, leaks, and damage.• Replace or repair as necessary, ensuring proper sealing to improve energy efficiency.

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Exterior Painting or Finishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repaint or refinish exterior surfaces, including siding, trim, and doors, to protect against weather and enhance curb appeal.• Choose exterior paints or finishes that are weather-resistant and durable.
Weatherproofing & Insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that the roof, exterior walls, windows, and doors are properly sealed and insulated to prevent heat loss and water infiltration.• Apply weatherproofing materials such as flashing, sealants, and caulking where needed.



Electrical and Plumbing Systems

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Assessment of Existing Electrical Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the condition and capacity of the home's existing electrical wiring, panel, outlets, and lighting.• Identify if upgrades are needed to accommodate new appliances, smart home systems, or additional load.
Electrical Rewiring and Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rewire any outdated or unsafe electrical systems, particularly in older homes.• Install new electrical wiring for additional outlets, lighting fixtures, and appliances as per the new design layout.
Upgrade Electrical Panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade the electrical panel to handle increased power demands, especially if new appliances, HVAC systems, or high-tech systems are being added.• Ensure the panel meets current safety codes.
Lighting Design and Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for both ambient and task lighting in each room, balancing functional needs with aesthetics.• Install energy-efficient lighting solutions like LED fixtures.
Plumbing Assessment and Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect the existing plumbing system for leaks, corrosion, or outdated pipes (e.g., galvanized steel or lead).• Upgrade to modern materials (e.g., copper, PEX) if necessary.
Relocate or Install New Plumbing Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relocate plumbing lines as needed for new kitchens, bathrooms, or laundry rooms.• Ensure that the new lines meet building codes and are installed by licensed plumbers.

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Water Heater or HVAC-Related Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If necessary, upgrade or replace the water heater to accommodate the home's new plumbing demands.• Consider energy-efficient or tankless water heaters for reduced utility costs.
Install Fixtures and Appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electrical and Plumbing Code Compliance• Ensure that all electrical and plumbing work complies with local building codes and regulations.• Schedule inspections to confirm that both systems are safe and functional before proceeding to the next phase of the renovation.



HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air)

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Evaluate Current HVAC System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess the condition of the existing heating and cooling systems, including furnace, air conditioning units, ductwork, and vents.• Determine if the current system can support the home's new layout or if upgrades are necessary.
Upgrade or Replace HVAC Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the system is outdated or insufficient, replace it with a more energy-efficient model (e.g., high-efficiency furnaces, heat pumps, or central air units).• Consider upgrading to a smart thermostat for better control and energy savings.
Ductwork and Airflow Adjustments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect the ductwork for leaks, blockages, or inefficiencies that could hinder airflow.• Reroute or add new ducts to ensure even distribution of heated or cooled air to all rooms in the remodeled layout.
Add or Modify Ventilation Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install exhaust fans in bathrooms, kitchens, and laundry rooms to improve ventilation and reduce moisture build-up.• Consider adding attic or whole-house fans to help regulate temperature and improve energy efficiency.
Install Zoning Systems (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In larger homes, consider installing a zoning system that allows for separate temperature control in different areas of the home.• This increases comfort and energy efficiency by heating/cooling only the areas in use.
Insulation and Sealing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that the home's insulation is up to current standards, especially in attics, walls, and basements.• Seal any gaps around windows, doors, and ductwork to prevent energy loss and maintain climate control.
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose HVAC systems that are ENERGY STAR® certified to reduce energy consumption.• Explore alternative energy sources, such as geothermal heating and cooling, to further reduce environmental impact.• Ensure that all HVAC components are regularly maintained to prevent issues such as mold, allergens, or poor air circulation.

Windows and Doors

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Inspect Existing Windows and Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the condition of all existing windows and doors for drafts, leaks, damage, or signs of aging.• Assess whether they meet modern energy-efficiency standards or need to be replaced.
Select New Window and Door Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose window and door styles that align with both the home's design aesthetic and functional needs (e.g., double-hung windows, sliding doors, or French doors).• Consider security features, energy efficiency, and soundproofing when selecting new options.• Standard sized windows will be substantially less expensive than selecting custom sized windows.
Energy-Efficient Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opt for double- or triple-pane windows with low-E glass and gas fills (such as argon) for improved insulation and energy savings.• Ensure windows have high energy performance ratings (e.g., U-factor and SHGC ratings).• Check with your local city & state for tax incentives that might be available.
Door Material Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose doors made from durable materials such as fiberglass, steel, or solid wood.• Ensure the selected doors offer good insulation, security, and weatherproofing for exterior use.
Installation of Windows and Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure proper installation to prevent air leaks, drafts, or moisture issues.• Install flashing and sealants around windows and doors to maintain a tight seal and protect from water infiltration.
Weatherstripping and Insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add or replace weatherstripping on all existing doors and windows to prevent drafts and improve energy efficiency.• Ensure that windows and doors are properly insulated, especially around the frames, to reduce heat loss.
Security and Locks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install high-quality locks and deadbolts on all exterior doors for improved security.• Consider adding security features such as reinforced glass, smart locks, or security sensors.

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Maintenance and Durability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose windows and doors that are easy to maintain and durable enough to withstand local climate conditions.• Consider warranties and long-term maintenance needs, such as repainting or resealing wooden windows and doors.



Insulation and Drywall

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Assess Existing Insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the home's current insulation in the attic, walls, floors, and crawl spaces.• Identify areas where insulation is lacking or inadequate, especially in older homes.
Choose Appropriate Insulation Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select insulation materials that meet the home's needs based on climate, budget, and energy-efficiency goals (e.g., fiberglass batts, spray foam, cellulose).• Consider factors such as R-value (thermal resistance) and fire resistance when selecting materials.
Install New Insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add insulation to areas where it's missing or upgrade existing insulation to improve energy efficiency.• Ensure proper insulation installation in critical areas such as attics, basements, exterior walls, and around ductwork and windows.• Highly recommend hiring contractors that specialize in this rather than DIY.
Soundproofing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For rooms that require noise reduction (e.g., bedrooms, home offices, or entertainment rooms), consider adding soundproofing insulation.• Use specialized insulation, acoustic panels, or soundproof drywall for enhanced sound dampening.
Drywall Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install drywall in newly framed areas or replace damaged drywall in existing rooms.• In areas prone to moisture (e.g., bathrooms, basements, laundry rooms), use moisture-resistant or mold-resistant drywall (e.g., green board or cement board).• This helps prevent mold growth and structural damage from humidity or water exposure.• Ensure that the drywall is hung securely, seams are taped, and joints are properly mudded for a smooth finish.
Drywall Finishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply finishing techniques such as sanding, priming, and texturing to achieve the desired look.• Consider adding skim coats or plaster to achieve a perfectly smooth or decorative finish.• Ensure that insulation and drywall installations meet local building codes and energy efficiency standards.

Flooring Installation

Products	Company
Evaluate Subfloor Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect the subfloor for damage, unevenness, or rot before installing new flooring.• Repair or replace any damaged sections to create a solid and level foundation for the new flooring.
Moisture Barriers and Underlayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install moisture barriers where necessary (e.g., in basements or on concrete slabs) to prevent moisture damage to the new flooring.• Use appropriate underlayment to provide cushioning, soundproofing, or additional insulation, depending on the flooring type.
Choose Flooring Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select flooring materials based on room function, durability, aesthetic preferences, and budget (e.g., hardwood, tile, laminate, carpet, vinyl).• Consider factors such as moisture resistance for bathrooms or kitchens and durability for high-traffic areas.
Flooring Material Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acclimate materials like hardwood or laminate to the home's temperature and humidity levels before installation to prevent warping or gaps.• Ensure proper surface preparation, such as leveling the subfloor or adding underlayment, as needed for each type of flooring.
Tile Installation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If installing tile, ensure proper placement, leveling, and spacing between tiles.• Use high-quality grout and sealant to prevent water infiltration and ensure long-lasting durability.
Floor Finishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For hardwood floors, sand and finish the surface to achieve the desired color and sheen.• Apply sealants or coatings to protect the floor from wear, moisture, or stains, as appropriate for the material.

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Transition Strips and Molding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install transition strips between different types of flooring (e.g., from tile to hardwood) for a seamless and professional look.• Add baseboards and shoe molding to cover expansion gaps and give the room a finished appearance.
Maintenance Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose flooring that is easy to maintain and appropriate for the household's needs (e.g., scratch-resistant finishes for homes with pets).• Provide homeowners with care instructions, such as refinishing hardwood or resealing tile grout, to keep floors in good condition.



Kitchen and Bathroom Remodels

Products	Company
Assess Layout and Functionality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the existing layout of the kitchen and bathroom to determine if improvements in workflow, storage, or space utilization are needed.• Consider creating an open-concept kitchen, adding islands, or reconfiguring bathroom fixtures for better functionality.• Create mood boards of features, fixtures and designs you love• Choose a cohesive design style for both the kitchen and bathroom, incorporating elements such as cabinetry finishes, tile patterns, and color schemes.• Focus on balancing aesthetics with practicality to create functional, yet beautiful, spaces
Architect/ Kitchen Designer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure to have solid ideas of what's important to you, looks, style, features, fixtures that you like before meeting with architect or kitchen designer.• Determine if an architect or kitchen designer is needed to insure that you maximize the space & create an optimal design and layout. Recommended if space or design is changing. If walls are being removed, an architect might be needed for design/plan submissions.• Use a kitchen designer instead of an architect where possible. In some instances, can work with architect for plans submission to city/county but have kitchen/bath designer specifically focus on kitchen layout
Cabinetry and Storage Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select cabinetry that maximizes storage and fits the design aesthetic of the kitchen or bathroom.• Consider custom cabinets, pull-out drawers, and built-in shelves to optimize space in both rooms.
Countertops and Surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose durable and easy-to-maintain materials for countertops, such as quartz, granite, butcher block or solid surface options.• Mixing styles or materials can be a great look.• For bathrooms, ensure surfaces are resistant to moisture and staining.
Plumbing Fixtures and Appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade plumbing fixtures such as sinks, faucets, showers, and toilets for improved water efficiency and modern functionality.• In the kitchen, install new energy-efficient appliances, ensuring they fit the layout and design.

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Lighting and Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate a mix of task, ambient, and accent lighting to brighten work areas in the kitchen and create a relaxing atmosphere in the bathroom.• Take a “birds eye” view and look down at your design and verify lighting design provides lighting in all areas and is more than sufficient in work areas.• Check where outlets are placed in each room. Current “lifestyle” requirements are more than double standard code requirements.• Check where light switches are placed, verify that every time you enter a room you can switch on lighting at the entrance and do not have to enter/leave the room in darkness.• Ensure proper ventilation of range hoods in the kitchen and exhaust fans in bathroom to prevent moisture buildup & odors.• Where possible, vent directly outside, especially for kitchen area.
Flooring and Wall Finishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select moisture-resistant flooring for bathrooms (e.g., ceramic tile, vinyl, stone) and durable, easy-to-clean flooring for kitchens (e.g., tile, hardwood, or laminate).• Choose wall finishes that complement the design, such as backsplashes, tiles, or moisture-resistant paint.• Recommend Matte, Eggshell and maybe Satin for walls in these areas and Semi-Gloss or High Gloss finishes for trim.
Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install energy-efficient appliances in the kitchen and low-flow fixtures in the bathroom to reduce water and energy consumption.• Consider adding a tankless water heater for instant hot water and increased energy savings.
Storage and Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a cohesive design style for both the kitchen and bathroom, incorporating elements such as cabinetry finishes, tile patterns, and color schemes.• Focus on balancing aesthetics with practicality to create functional, yet beautiful, spaces

Painting and Finishing Touches

Products	Company
Select Color Scheme and Finish Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a cohesive color scheme for the home, considering how colors flow between rooms.• Select paint finishes based on room usage. The more wear and tear a room takes, the higher up scale of paint choices you should choose.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ High Gloss: A highly reflective, glass-like finish that's most durable and easiest to clean.◦ Semi-Gloss: A sleek and luminous finish that is mildew, moisture, and wear resistant.◦ Satin: A pearl-like finish that's easy to clean and has moderate durability.◦ Eggshell: A soft, velvety finish that covers imperfections while offering some durability.◦ Matte: A low-luster finish that's less durable, but easy to clean, touches up well, and hides minor surface imperfections.◦ Flat: A non-reflective finish that touches up well and can hide minor surface imperfections.
Prepare Surfaces for Painting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean, sand, and prime walls, ceilings, and trim to ensure a smooth and long-lasting paint application.• Repair any imperfections like cracks, holes, or dents in the walls before painting• This step should be done prior to flooring being installed or finished as it causes a lot of dust.
Paint Walls, Ceilings, and Trim	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply multiple coats of paint, starting with ceilings and then moving to walls and trim for an even, professional finish.• Ensure proper ventilation during and after painting to allow the paint to cure properly.• Most spaces if they have no paint will require a primer coat and 2 finishing coats. You can tint primer to your color and that can cut down on finishing coats in some situations.
Accent Walls and Decorative Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider using accent walls or decorative techniques like stenciling or wallpaper to add character and focal points to rooms.• Choose bold or contrasting colors for accent walls to highlight architectural features.

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Install Baseboards, Trim, and Molding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install or update baseboards, crown molding, and trim to give the room a finished, polished look.• This is part of the framing category but it's not done until this point in the process. Which is why we have it placed here.• Your flooring choices will determine when baseboard or shoe molding is added.• Consider adding decorative molding or wainscoting for added detail and sophistication.
Wallpaper or Wall Treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider using wallpaper, shiplap, or textured finishes on certain walls to create visual interest and depth.• Choose moisture-resistant wallpaper for bathrooms or areas with high humidity.
Final Finishing Touches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After painting, install door hardware, light switch plates, outlet covers, and window treatments to complete the room.• Even if not redoing a whole house or many walls, switching out light switch plates for new ones can freshen up a room and space. Definitely an easy and well worth it hack!• Check for and address any paint drips, uneven edges, or touch-ups needed after installation.



Final Inspection and Cleanup

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Verify Functionality of Systems and Fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test all newly installed systems, including HVAC, plumbing, electrical, appliances, and fixtures, to ensure proper operation.• Address any malfunctions or issues that arise during the testing process.
Conduct Final Walkthrough with Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk through the house with contractors to review all completed work and ensure it meets the your expectations.• Address any remaining concerns, incomplete tasks, or touch-ups needed before closing out the project.
Schedule Final Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrange for final inspections with local building authorities to ensure all work complies with building codes and permits.• Verify all sub-contractors have completed their inspections and can provide documentation showing that.• Ensure any required sign-offs or certifications are obtained for structural, electrical, plumbing, or other critical systems.
Conduct a Deep Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hire professional cleaners or complete a thorough cleaning of the home, removing dust, debris, and residue left from construction.• Ensure that all surfaces, windows, floors, and fixtures are cleaned and ready for use.• There are cleaning crews that specialize in post-build cleanup and if time is scarce, they might be worth the expense.
Address Final Touch-Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review all walls, floors, and finishes for scuffs, paint drips, or minor imperfections, and complete any final touch-ups.• Ensure that all fixtures, hardware, and finishes are properly installed and aligned.
Document Warranties and Maintenance Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect and organize warranties, manuals, and maintenance information for new systems, appliances, and materials.• Obtain any warranties/maintenance contracts that contractors arranged or provided.

Final Inspection and Cleanup

Products	Company
Dispose of Construction Debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove any remaining construction materials, debris, or waste from the site.• Recycle or donate usable materials where possible, and ensure hazardous materials are disposed of safely.
Final Payments and Contractor Sign-Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize payments with contractors after the work is satisfactorily completed and inspections completed.• Obtain signed lien waivers from contractors and subcontractors to ensure all parties have been paid and no future claims can be made against the property.
Celebrate and Move Back In!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once all work is complete, inspections are passed, and the home is clean, it's time to celebrate the successful renovation.• Move furniture and personal items back into the home, and enjoy the newly remodeled space!



CELEBRATE

CONCLUSION

Just The Beginning

Renovating or remodeling your home is an exciting journey that can transform your living space into the home of your dreams.

With careful planning, the right team, and a solid understanding of the process, you can successfully navigate the challenges and create a beautiful, functional, and lasting space for you and your family.

However, we understand that tackling a project of this magnitude can feel overwhelming.

Our [Modern Home Renovation & Remodeling Toolkit](#) is here to help you stay organized, avoid common pitfalls, and keep your project on budget—all while enjoying the process. The Toolkit course walks you through each phase of your renovation, ensuring you have the knowledge and tools to succeed.

For those who want personalized guidance, our 1-on-1 coaching offers tailored support to make your dream home a reality.

Our goal is to help you complete your renovation on time, eliminate issues and save thousands in the process

Happy remodeling!

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