

MERRICK CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

HOMEOWNER'S RENOVATION PLANNING CHECKLIST



GUIDING YOU BEFORE, DURING & AFTER



What Is Your Style?

1. Define Your Goals

What spaces are you remodeling?

What are your must-haves vs. nice-to-haves?

Are you remodeling to improve function, aesthetics, resale value — or all three?



What Is Your Budget?

2. Be Realistic

Establish a total project budget (include a 10–20% buffer)

Get cost estimates for design, materials, labor, permits, and finishes

Factor in temporary living expenses (if needed)

Review financing options (cash, HELOC, loan, etc.)



Compare costs on some of your favorite items & visuals to determine **styles you can afford that match your dream space.**

Who Is Your Team?

3. Find The Right Fit

Like anything else, you need to know who you are dealing with. Be sure to check out their portfolio of past projects, read their online reviews, and make sure your timelines match each other's expectations before demolition begins. **Strong communication is key here!**



**ACTIVE
LICENSE?**



**SOLID
REPUTATION?**



**STRATEGIC
ESTIMATES?**



**CONTRACTS &
DEADLINES?**

Who Is Your Designer?

4. Hire A Professional



Choose finishes (flooring, cabinets, countertops, lighting, miscellaneous decor to match.)

Review and approve final design plans/renderings

Confirm product lead times and availability





Time To Prepare.

5. Construction Begins

Get required permits from your local city or county

Set up a temporary kitchen/bath (if applicable)

Discuss work hours, noise, and access with your contractor

Inform neighbors about the renovation



Remodel Check-Ins.

6. Milestones Matter

Stay in regular contact with your project manager or contractor

Inspect completed work

Address change orders in writing

Document progress with photos

Manage payments according to the contract schedule



Review & Finalize.

7. Finishing Touches



Walk through and create a punch list for final adjustments

Ensure all permits are closed and inspections passed

Leave a 5-star review for the company that brought your vision to life!



Ready? Contact Us.

We Handle It All!



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