

# The Homeowner's Renovation Checklist:

Avoid the 10 Most Common Mistakes

## 1. GET CLEAR ON YOUR VISION

- ☐ I've gathered inspiration photos or mood boards for what I want
- ☐ I've prioritized my must-haves vs. nice-to-haves
- ☐ I've clearly communicated my goals to my contractor

## 2. SET A REALISTIC BUDGET

- ☐ I've factored in a 10–20% buffer for unexpected costs
- ☐ I've received and compared multiple quotes
- ☐ I've asked about payment schedules and financing options

## 3. KNOW THE TIMELINE

- ☐ I understand the estimated timeline from start to finish
- ☐ I've asked about permit or inspection delays
- ☐ I've discussed how surprises (like weather or supply chain issues) will be handled

## 4. CHOOSE THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR

- ☐ I've verified licenses, insurance, and experience
- ☐ I've read real client reviews and seen recent projects
- ☐ I feel comfortable with their communication style and professionalism

## 5. PREPARE FOR THE MESS

- ☐ I know which areas of the house will be affected
- ☐ I've planned how to live around the renovation (pets, kids, noise, etc.)
- ☐ I've asked how the contractor handles dust control and site clean-up

## 6. STAY INVOLVED (WITHOUT HOVERING)

- ☐ I've planned check-ins to review progress
- ☐ I know who my point of contact is on-site
- ☐ I've documented everything in writing (change orders, decisions, payments)

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