



3 MUST DO'S FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

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Author's Note

Starting a remodel project can be a daunting and stressful endeavor. With so much information out there about how to do your remodel and how to save money, it can be overwhelming to say the very least.

Not to worry, we have your back. After many years of experience, and seeing some of the things that went wrong with remodel projects done by DIYers and inexperienced contractors, we've created some helpful processes and guides to assist you in your remodeling journey. By following some simple tips, you can avoid many of the pitfalls that others have encountered during their remodels. So take a deep breath, relax, and let's get started.

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Introduction

Are you ready to embark on a new home renovation project? Have you considered where you'll need to start? This guide is here to help you address three must-do's to avoid the most common pitfalls people encounter when they start a home renovation project.

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Take time to plan your project



Get all the required permits



Use a reputable general contractor for your project

Home improvement projects can be expensive, time-consuming, and stressful. When it comes to remodeling your home, it is important to choose a contractor that you trust to do the job right. While it may be tempting to try to save money by acting as your own general contractor, this often ends up costing you more money in the long run and it dramatically increases the time it takes to complete your project. There are a number of reasons why it is best to leave home improvement projects to the professionals.

Experience & Resources

General contractors have the experience and knowledge necessary to complete the job on-time and correctly. They have access to the best materials and have developed relationships with skilled trades people over the years. Because of these two reasons, your project is completed on time and with adherence to the highest industry standards. Having the right person do the job makes all the difference in the outcome of your project.



Insurance

General contractors should be insured in case something goes wrong during the project. Acting as your own general contractor could put you at risk if something goes wrong. Because of this, we highly recommend hiring a professional contractor that has all the proper coverage.



PROFESSIONAL TIP

Ask how many years of experience the people doing the work actually have. Morgan Remodel associates, on average, have over 20 years of experience in their respective trades.

A general contractor should carry Business Auto, General Liability and Workers Compensation coverages (all 3 are important). Most general contractors only insure for general liability coverage. Here at Morgan Remodel, we carry all three. Feel free to ask us for a certificate of insurance.

Guarantee

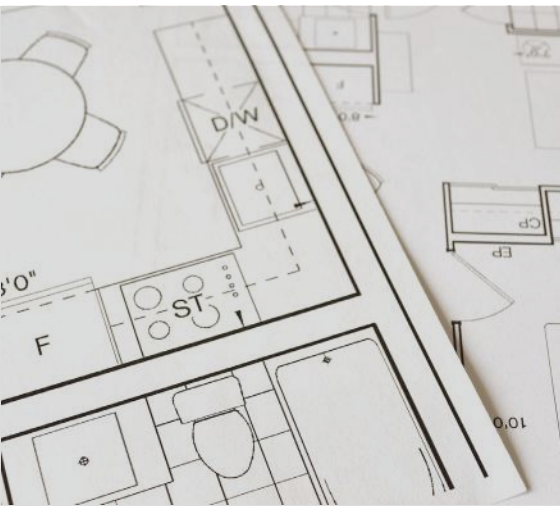
At Morgan Remodel we understand that your home is a significant investment, and we want you to be confident that the work we do will stand the test of time. That's why we guarantee the quality of our workmanship for 5 years. If you ever have an issue with something we've done, simply let us know and we'll make it right.

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Take time to plan your project at the start

Planning

Preparing for your project ahead of time is key to a successful project and therefore your overall satisfaction. The bigger your project, the more important planning becomes. An organized contractor should be able to explain their upfront process and how they organize the project. We have a process that we go through before beginning any project to help ensure that it is set up for success. We have created an easy to use guide that will assist you in preparing for your project. Feel free to ask us for your free planning guide to assist you with the planning process.



Design

Depending on the complexity of the project, (e.g. removing or adding walls, changing your color scheme, or changing your style) consider investing in a design! Depending on the scope of work, remodel projects can easily run in the six-figures, so it's critical to have a clear vision of the end result.

Getting a design will help you to better visualize the finished look so that you can determine if the project is worth the cost. Here at Morgan Redesign, if you use our design services, we give back the cost if you move forward with us on your remodel project. Our CAD design files should fit any permitting requirements.

Morgan Remodel's Design service always has an eye on the finished look. Contact us to see how our design services can get you started on making your house the perfect place to call home.



Get all the required permits for your project

When you are planning any type of home improvement project, it's important to make sure that you obtain all the necessary permits before getting started. There have been many cases of homeowners being told by contractors, friends or family that they don't need a permit for a particular job, only to later find out that they do indeed need one. Obtaining the necessary permits may seem like an added hassle, but it's worth it to avoid any potential problems down the road. Morgan Remodel will take care of any required permits so you don't have to!



In addition, the inspection process is there for your benefit. Inspections will help to ensure that your home is as safe as possible and that any work that has been done meets all important code requirements.

If you have any doubts, pick up the phone and call your local planning and zoning department. They will be able to advise you on whether or not you need a permit for your project. Some municipalities have a listing of current licensed general contractors. You can check to make sure your contractor's license is current before they start any work.



Not sure where to start?

Download one of our free, easy-to-follow remodel guides to help you with your next home project. We have unique guides specific to your next project to help get the juices flowing and set you up for success.

Kitchen Remodel Guide



Bathroom Remodel Guide



Basement Remodel Guide



Home Addition Guide





Get in touch if you have a project in mind and want to get started with us!

NEXT STEPS

1 LET'S DISCUSS YOUR PROJECT

Give us a call or book a consultation online so we can have an initial discussion about your remodel project. This will give us a clear understanding of your project, budget, and timeline you have for your project.

2 GET A PROPOSAL

After an on-site visit, we'll get a clear understanding of your project and the space we have to work with. We can then move on to the proposal & design (if applicable) phase. Often, we can give you a ball park idea at the time of our on-site visit. For more complex projects or situations where you're not yet sure of the end look, we recommend a design along with the proposal. See our design process for more information.

3 MAKE A PROJECT DECISION

Once you've decided on the project details and design (if applicable), we can then put together our agreement and move on to the next step.

4 LET'S GET STARTED

After you've decided on the materials, we'll get everything ordered. Once everything comes in we'll take care of the organization, making sure your project is completed with high quality and gets done in an efficient manner.

We take pride in our reputation for quality work, and we're committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that our customers are completely satisfied. When you choose Morgan Remodel, you can rest assured that you're getting the best possible value for your money



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