

# The Smart Remodeler's Guide

## Through the Four Phases of a Home Remodel

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### Phase 1: Get Inspired and Start Planning

- Write a list of your remodeling needs vs. wants.
- Determine your budget.
- Gather inspiration.

### Phase 2: Work With a Quality Design & Build Firm

- Interview local licensed/insured remodeling firms with plenty of experience.
- Share your priorities lists and ask for preliminary cost and time frame expectations.
- Check out a design firm's showroom if possible.
- Ask for and check references.

### Phase 3: Engage in the Design Process

- At the first design meeting, share your priorities lists, inspiration photographs, and maximum budget with your designer.
- Choose your products and materials.
- Reassess projected costs.
- Carefully review and sign the finalized project agreement.
- Decide if you should move out during the remodel, and plan accordingly.

### Phase 4: Kick Off Construction

Have a pre-start meeting before construction begins, and answer these questions:

- *Will you live in your home during the remodel?*
- *If you decided to live in your home during the remodel, how will the remodeler protect spaces in your home for you to live in?*
- *What items in the house are you responsible to remove or relocate?*
- *What time of the day should the construction workers start work?*
- *If necessary, where should the port-a-potty be placed?*
- *Where is the key and alarm code information?*
- *Where will materials and deliveries be received and staged?*
- *Where will the workers park?*
- *How and when will you communicate with the owner, designer, and project manager?*
- *What is an acceptable amount of time to have calls and emails returned?*

**Ready to get started on your home remodeling project? Get in touch with the experts at Design Studio West today!**

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