

Renos - Big or Small



It's finally time to tackle that home improvement project you've always wanted to do. Or, you might have waited so long, now you need to do the project. Which leads to your first question "Where do I start?"

Well, the truth is... some jobs are simply too big, too complicated, or require too much time to handle on your own. Whether it's remodeling a kitchen, installing gutters, or electrical rewiring for – you'll likely need an expert.

First you need to figure out your needs and your wants.

These are two totally different requirements for a renovation and need to be considered. Sitting down with a professional can help make this process go a lot easier. They can offer insights into what on your lists are possible within your budget and may even be able to expand on the opportunities. Never underestimate the value of working with a great professional!

Some top renovations to consider:

Kitchen

Kitchen renovations are very popular. You need to consider if you are looking for a kitchen facelift or complete reno. A kitchen renovation can be from updating fixtures, appliances, countertops or flooring to a full gut job and moving walls. This is when it's best to have a contractor who can go over the whole process with you from timeline and costs, to structural requirements if they are necessary.

Bathrooms

Though bathrooms are small, renovating them can be big. Always make sure you have a second bathroom available when renovating so you are not totally inconvenienced. Many bathroom renos are done to update your fixtures, plumbing and décor but keep a close eye out for water damage. Finding water damage may put a damper on your bathroom reno, but repairing any leaks or damage now will prevent more headaches in the future and will leave you with peace of mind. Adding additional bathrooms to your home is also very common and a great return on your investment.



Built-ins

Becoming more popular over the years, built-ins are a great storage option for your home. Look for a professional who can show you previous jobs they have done. This will show you the type of materials they have worked with, projects they completed and give you a few ideas as well. Built-ins in your living areas are great for storing items you don't want out all the time. Open shelving units are perfect for displaying some of your favourite keepsakes, pictures or books.

When considering a renovation, make sure you enjoy it! Don't wait until you are ready to move to complete the upgrades or much needed renovation to your home!
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