

Knowing Where to Begin – Remodeling Expectations

If you've ever heard a home renovation horror story, you're probably already wary of the many complications and deterrents that can turn your dream project into a nightmare. Sudden project changes, delays, budget disagreements and miscommunication can cost you dearly. But the truth is home remodeling doesn't have to be a challenge. If you're a homeowner with a decommissioned kitchen or bathroom but have been too paralyzed to do anything about it, getting in touch with a quality, transparent contractor can help. Here's a quick look at how you can avoid common sources of "renovation stress" and make your next project easy and painless.

The Secret to an Anxiety-Free Remodeling

- Do your research –It's important to have a solid idea of how much everything will cost and how long it will take to complete, and many homeowners tend to overlook the finer details. You can research with Google or use Houzz to find out what to expect as far as remodeling costs for your project. An experienced professional should be able to provide you with a estimate and general timeline. Make sure to find someone who will notify you when changes occur in subcontractor costs, equipment rentals, delays, transportation or other line item costs. It's a good idea to be prepared for inevitable surprises.

Sometimes contractors no matter how good cannot avoid subcontractor delays in getting the work they have requested done, especially during the busiest times of the year for remodeling (Spring/Fall)

- Plan ahead –Consider where your kitchen or bathroom will be in 5 or even 10 years. Are you planning to stay in this home forever or is this simply a step on your way to finding the perfect dream home? If you can afford a little extra expense you can include storage drawers, roll out shelving and a lot of other updated options that can keep your kitchen updated for years to come. In bathrooms, you may want to consider removing that big soaking tub in order to give you space for a large walk-in shower and a larger vanity.



- Understand your home – Many homeowners find themselves in a bind after they discover previously unknown “quirks” or inherent issues about their homes. Even homes built within the last decade can hide things from the homeowner that may make remodeling decisions difficult. An experienced remodeler can give estimates, but they do not always know what work is specifically needed until after walls have been torn down especially in older homes. In addition to tempering your expectations, it’s a good idea to review permits that were done on your home in the past and to keep track of all future projects.



- Communicate – Miscommunication happens between homeowners and professionals all the time. When it comes to the actual design of your project, make sure that you find a remodeling company with a design team that communicates well and incorporates your vision. The more specific you are the faster and more tailored a result you’ll receive. Remember, your remodeling project is usually only as good as the relationship you build with your contractor. RBK Article 8/2017

A Look at Our Services

At Atlantic Kitchen & Bath we don’t think of ourselves as the ordinary contractor, but as a design/build craftsman committed to creating a space that fits your vision. We believe in a collaborative design process so that we can ensure your complete satisfaction with the final result. As part of our consultation, we will meet with you to discuss design ideas. You can bring pictures or floor plans of what you have in mind, and we will try to work out a budget that fits. If our services are a good fit, we’ll come out take measurements and work up an estimate. Once the construction process is ready to begin, our project manager will build you a schedule and keep tabs on all of the logistics; from the big picture to the smallest details. Our goal is always to make your remodeling project a stress-free endeavor. Give us a call at 302-645-8500 and let’s start your new remodel. Visit our website at www.AtlanticKB.com