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HOME REMODELING

Project feasibility & design: A valuable investment

When you're embarking on a remodeling project, it might be tempting to skip the project feasibility and design phase and jump right into an "estimate" without your contractor taking the time and effort necessary to arrive at an actual price. You might want to cut corners a bit and go with the first contractor who gives you a number that you want to hear. Don't! Investing in a project feasibility and design can make a big difference in the success of your project.

Hiring a professional means you get access to our expertise and experience. During the design phase, innovative and creative design solutions are offered that you may not have considered, and help you avoid costly mistakes. Plus, the detailed plan and well researched budget outlines everything needed for the project, saving you time and money in the long run.

So many clients through the years have shared with us that our design phase made all the difference in their project's outcome. Because our selections coordinator works with you to source products, devise creative solutions and offer design details, much of the "decision stress" involved in a remodeling project is converted from stressful to collaborative and enjoyable. By working closely with our selections coordinator, you can feel confident in your choices and have peace of mind knowing that you have an expert by your side every step of the way.

A project design/feasibility agreement aids in communication. Creating well developed plans insures that your vision is being designed—and it helps to avoid any miscommunications between your contractor and you, ensuring everyone is working towards the same goals. A well-designed project can increase the value of your home, making it more attractive to potential buyers if you decide to sell in the future.

In short, paying a design fee may feel like an additional cost, but it's an investment in the overall success of your remodeling project. It can save you time, money, and headaches, while also ensuring that the final product meets your expectations and adds value to your home.



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An example of our design & feasibility process

- **Discovery Appointment** A preliminary observation of the existing mechanical/electrical systems and structural components consisting of walls, joists, beams and load points. We will obtain basic field measurements and photos of existing building interior and or exterior.
- **Defining of Project parameters** Collaboration with all parties to define project parameters, to produce a comprehensive scope of work and preliminary design layouts
- **Design concepts** Based on owners' feedback of design concepts (and 3D rendering), we will revise preliminary design down to a single design in order to finalize construction budget and scope of work. Note: Preliminary design + 2 revisions are included)
- **Specifics:** Obtain detailed quotes from our material suppliers so that we get true and specific costs for your project. This helps us provide you with a fixed price and reduces as much as possible unforeseen charges when the project is underway
- **Trade day** Depending on the size of your project, we will Conduct on site meetings with multiple trade partners to verify plumbing, electrical and HVAC requirements, as needed for quotes
- **Permitting/zoning/code** As we prepare the proposal, we will collaborate with our trade partners and local officials to be sure our designs will meet building and zoning codes, if required
- **Proposal presentation** We will review a detailed proposal with all your project's parameters, specifications and selection allowances based on the quotes we obtain from our material suppliers and trade partners.
- **Final materials selections** we will assist you with final material selections – we want to have all of these decisions made before the contract is signed to ensure the project stays on time and on budget.