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HOME REMODELING

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Understand the reality and challenges associated to a remodeling project before you start it

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Understanding Remodeling Myths, Realities and Challenges

REMODELING TIME FRAME

Remodeling projects are often misunderstood, and many myths create false expectations. These misconceptions lead many homeowners to confusion, particularly regarding their project timeframe. It's essential to clarify the realities and understand the common challenges before starting a remodeling project.



MYTHS

REALITY

Remodeling a kitchen take 10 days

No, not unless its on a TV show ! Installing new kitchen cabinets and countertops takes about 7 to 10 days, but installation is just one step in remodeling. A kitchen remodeling time frame includes lot of others activities such as design, permits, plumbing, electrical work, tiling, flooring, and more. Remodeling a kitchen often takes at a minimum several weeks to several months.

Remodeling is quicker than renovating

Wrong. Remodeling projects take longer than renovations because they often involve altering the space, such as adding or removing walls and structural changes.

Remodeling projects always stay on schedule.

Nope. Unexpected issues, such as structural problems, frequently arise during remodeling projects and can impact the delivery timeline. Changes in the scope of work, material shortages, and workforce availability also contribute to extending the project's timeframe.

Hiring more workers will speed up the process

Coordination between trades takes time, and more workers doesn't always mean faster results. For example, backsplash tiles can not be installed before a wall exists.

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REMODELING COST

Many homeowners considering a renovation project can feel stressed about managing costs, especially if they go over budget. This fear is fueled by dramatic stories often found on TV or Online. Understanding the real factors behind renovation expenses is essential for making informed decisions.



MYTHS

REALITY

The cheapest quote is the best option

Not necessarily. Low bids can be misleading, often excluding important items. These omissions are sometimes intentional, making the bid appear more attractive, while knowing that additional costs will arise during the project's execution and change orders will be numerous.

Remodeling costs more than expected

This can be true. Remodeling projects can lead to unforeseen costs, usually related to the issues discovered once demolition starts. This is expected, as bidders cannot know what's behind your home's walls when preparing their quote. This is why homeowners must always set aside a proper contingency fund to support this additional cost.

Remodeling is always more expensive than buying

This depends. A cost analysis is necessary to assess the property's current value, the remodeling costs, and the projected post remodel market value.

A fixed price contract guarantees no extra costs

Wrong. A fixed price is always tied to a list of assumptions, conditions, and limitations. If a firm offers a fixed fee without these limitations, homeowners should assume the vendor has included a large contingency into the bid. This is rare, as firms using this approach typically price their quotes at least 20 to 25% higher than others.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Interior design involves more than just choosing colors and furniture. It includes functionality, space planning, aesthetics, and the creation of construction plans and specifications. Misunderstanding the role of an interior designer can misguide homeowners and lead to inappropriate choices at the early stage of their remodeling project.



MYTHS

REALITY

Interior design is only about aesthetics

No. Interior design in home remodeling goes beyond aesthetics. It focuses on creating functional spaces that fit with the client lifestyles. Involving layout, flow, lighting, material, and color scheme. Interior Design also plays an essential role in the creation of construction and specifications plans.

Hiring an interior designer is too expensive

Not necessarily. An Interior Designer costs vary based on reputation, complexity and the scope of the project. Typically, the design phase, which involves working with interior designers, accounts for about 10 to 15% of the total remodeling cost. Interior designers provide valuable expertise avoiding you costly mistakes and ensure your vision is translated effectively.

Designers only choose expensive materials

Wrong. The myth that interior designers always choose expensive materials exists because their work often showcases high-end designs. In reality, designers work within your budget, selecting cost-effective options while balancing quality, function, and style for the best results.

DIY design is just as effective as hiring a professional

DIY design can be appealing, but can lead to costly mistakes in layout, permits, and code compliance. Hiring a professional ensures your project aligns with architectural rules, meets construction codes, and avoids future issues.

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CONSTRUCTION

The construction phase, or execution, often faces misconceptions about timelines and cost. Homeowners may expect quick results or believe delays won't happen or always happen. Misunderstanding these aspects can lead to frustration, making it crucial to grasp the realities of the process.



MYTHS

REALITY

You can live in your home during construction

It depends on you. But living in your home during construction is not advisable due to the constant noise, dust, and disruptions. Large projects, like full home remodels, can take months to complete, making daily life uncomfortable and potentially unsafe. This situation can negatively impact your well-being and the efficiency of the remodeling process. But some remodels limited to one space can be managed while still living in your home.

Client can easily make changes to the plan during construction

Changing plans during construction isn't easy and can lead to delays and increased costs. Major adjustments often require rework, new permits, or material changes, significantly extending the project's timeframe and pushing the budget higher than expected.

Construction workers will always clean up thoroughly

Unfortunately, no. A good construction crew does basic cleaning after the day's work, but don't expect a complete clean. Dust, debris, and leftover materials are common until the project is fully completed. A professional cleaning service is recommended to deep clean your home after construction is completed.

Only major changes require permits

Not true. Even small updates, like electrical or plumbing, require permits to ensure compliance. Skipping permits can result in failed inspections, costly fines, insurance issues and delays.

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DECORATION

The decoration phase in remodeling is often misunderstood. Many believe it's optional, too expensive, or doesn't add value. In reality, it enhances the home's appeal and functionality. Misjudging its importance can lead to overspending or missed opportunities for improvement



MYTHS

REALITY

Decoration is not necessary in a remodeling project

Common myth. Decoration is key in remodeling, as old furniture and decor often don't fit the new space. It provides a cohesive finish, ensuring the remodel aligns with the client's lifestyle and boosts property's overall value.

Decorating doesn't add value to the home

That is not necessarily true. Decorating does add value by enhancing the home's appeal and functionality. Thoughtful interior decor often makes rooms more inviting and practical, increasing the overall market value and making the property more attractive to potential buyers.

Decorating requires spending a lot to get good results

It's a common misconception that great decor requires a large budget. By making smart choices—such as mixing high-end and budget-friendly pieces—you can achieve stunning results.

You can decorate anytime after remodeling or by yourself.

This is a choice, but decorating should be part of your remodeling project budget from the start. Waiting can lead to mismatched elements and lack of integration. Doing it yourself can be a missed opportunity. Remember, interior designers have access to unique products not available to the public.



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