

HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO REMODELING



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HOW TO BEGIN YOUR HOME REMODEL

Planning a new home remodeling project is an exciting time — after all, you're customizing your home for your life while building value into your home. Where do you begin on this journey? We have a few recommendations to get you in the right direction and begin the process of your home remodeling.





Define your goals and objectives.

Know your end goal. Are you looking for better functionality, adding more space, and updating the aesthetics of your home? Keep a clear vision. Start by exploring your options throughout your house. Plan a consultation to talk to a professional designer and builder so you can make informed decisions before, during, and after your project remodel starts. Here at Bright Homes we have a professional designer that will work closely with you during the planning phase to ensure you get the look and feel you are wanting.



Know your budget.

Determine how much you can afford to spend. Your home remodeler can help with costs associated with your home remodel project, including materials, labor, permits, and design. It's recommended to keep a buffer within your budget of 10-25% for any changes you want to make during the project or unanticipated cost, especially factoring in the age for your house.



Get Inspired

Look for inspiration! Search online, look in magazines, or visit showrooms. Create a Pinterest board of your favorite styles, features, colors, or functionality. Save an ideabook on Houzz of the completed rooms you like. There are numerous places to get inspiration, so you can start creating your list of necessities and a list of "nice to haves." This will help your designer know how to help you as you go through the selection process.





Interview the Professionals

Results are everything. Interview and hire your designer and builder who have experience. Check on their references, read reviews, and ask additional questions if you have them. A trusted professional can help navigate the best materials and how to implement them while making sure your project meets all codes and regulations.



Finalize your Design Plans

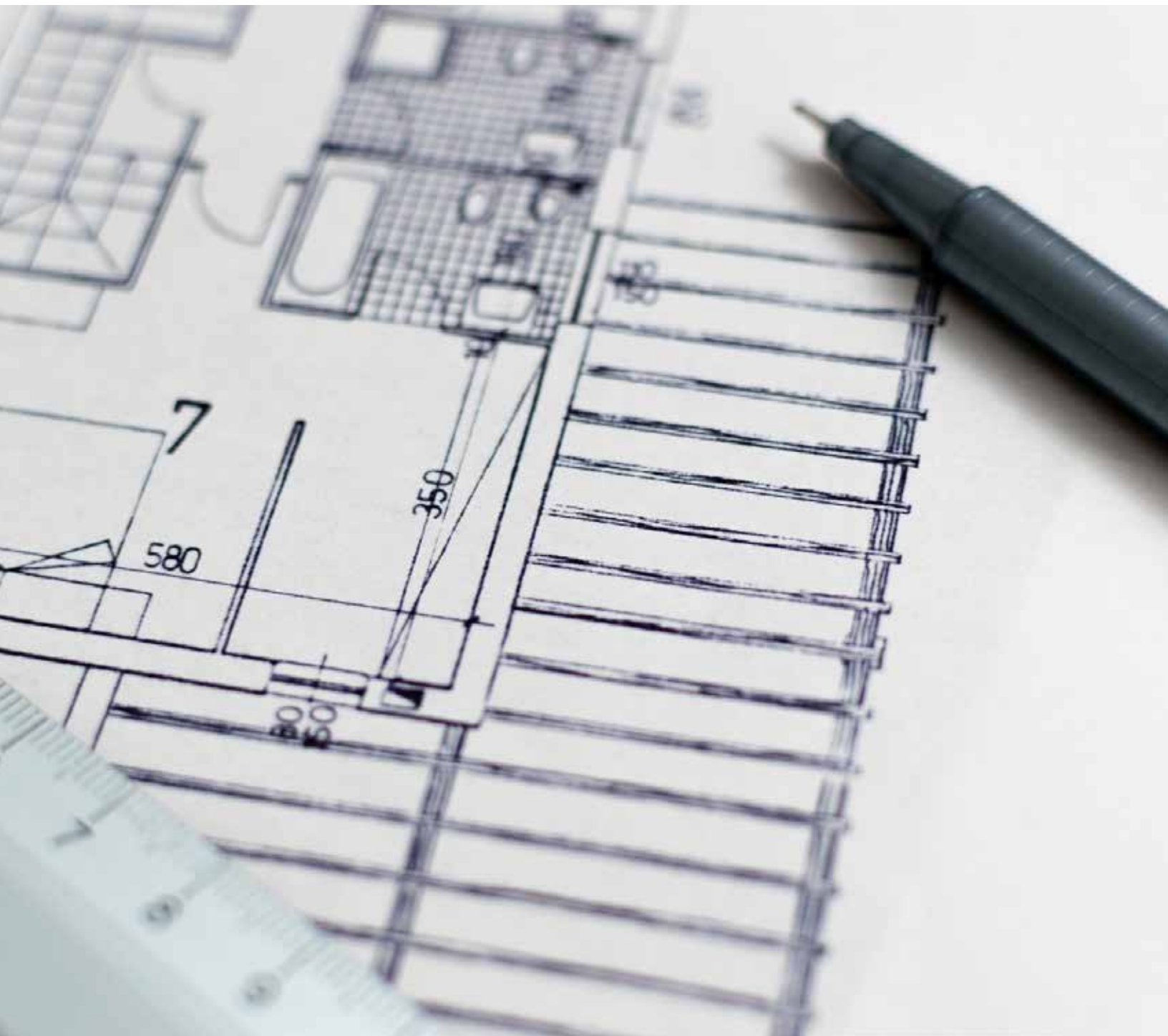
Design plans go through iterations. Ensure that your design plans have been finalized before starting your home remodel project. At Bright Homes we have design-build services which collaborate with you to finalize your plans. Your design plans are reviewed and agreed upon by you and your builder before any work starts.

These initial steps are how to begin the process of home remodeling. With thoughtful planning, you can have a less stressful, more enjoyable home remodeling project that meets all of your goals. We are experts at Bright Homes! Contact us to set up a consultation to discuss your home remodeling needs.



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5 REASONS TO WORK WITH A DESIGN BUILD CONTRACTOR





1. Teamwork

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2. Accountability

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3. Expertise

This collaborative model brings a wealth of knowledge in craftsmanship, estimating and beautiful custom design. Understanding design decisions and how they impact the budget and construction is essential in your custom home build or home remodel. An experienced Design-Build Contractor can provide referrals, testimonials, project photos, and recommendations. We welcome the opportunity to share ours.





4. Communication

In the Design Build agreement, you are an integral part of goal creation for your project. The Design Build team is highly adaptive and responsive on an ongoing basis throughout your project. Open and clear communication is crucial to delivering a successful home project.



5. Efficiency

Your remodel project progresses as an integrated process, overlapping the two phases. Accelerated more than a traditional process, as a single lead is responsible for meeting your contracted requirements in Design Build. Your Design-Builder is accountable for delivering consistency in the design build agreement and aligning aesthetics, craftsmanship, and performance standards.

At Bright Homes, we are an award winning team that brings our clients' vision to life along with so much more. Take a look at our online reviews and exceptional homes we've built in the Salt Lake and Utah County area.



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HOW TO DESIGN A KITCHEN YOU LOVE

Planning a kitchen remodel can be overwhelming. Where do you start? How do you successfully design a kitchen remodel? Here are four important steps to getting started.



Stop and think.

Does your current layout work? You may think it does, or you may not be sure. Here are some questions to ask yourself to determine if it's time for a layout redesign:

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- **How do you use the space?** Do you have a large family to cook for? Do you entertain often? Do you need to accommodate multiple chefs simultaneously? Do you eat in the kitchen? Do the kids do their homework in the kitchen? Make a list of all the activities you use the space for.
- **When are you in the kitchen?** The kitchen is actually one of the most-used rooms in our homes. Keep track of the times you spend in the kitchen.
- **Is your kitchen in a traffic pattern?** Does your cooking zone overlap your cleaning zone? Do you have to walk through the kitchen to the laundry room or the garage? Would someone standing at the sink doing dishes prevent someone from getting from one room to another? Think about the floor plan of your kitchen and the adjacent areas of your home.



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Once you've answered these questions, you should have a good idea of the potential problems and needs of your kitchen design. Make sure to write this information down and keep it somewhere handy. You'll need it in a few steps.

Gather inspiration.

Sign up for a platform like Houzz or Pinterest and create a brand new project board specifically for this project. You can find great visual ideas for your kitchen remodel design, but you should also be looking for how you want your kitchen to feel. Start by saving everything you like; then you can go back and edit through your board to find the ideas that you consider the most important for your kitchen. This doesn't have to be a big board - approximately 30 pictures or ideas will be just right.

Prioritizing.

Make a list of everything you want to incorporate into your kitchen remodel design on paper or a spreadsheet. Once you've written down everything you can think of, separate the items into 'needs' and 'wants.' From there, prioritize the items based on their importance to you. Depending on your budget, you may not be able to have everything you want, but if you make a list of the most important things, we'll be able to help make sure those ideas are incorporated into your kitchen remodel design.

Work with a professional.

Now that you've got a game plan started give us a call. Bring your notes, inspiration, and priorities to our project consult. Our design-build process will help to ensure your kitchen remodel fits your lifestyle and aesthetic.



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HOW TO START A BATHROOM REMODEL

Every great bathroom remodel project starts with a plan. Before the physical aspects of the project are started, it's beneficial to have a firm idea of what you want in your new bathroom and how you want it to look. Start by identifying the building blocks of your new bathroom space.



Space Planning

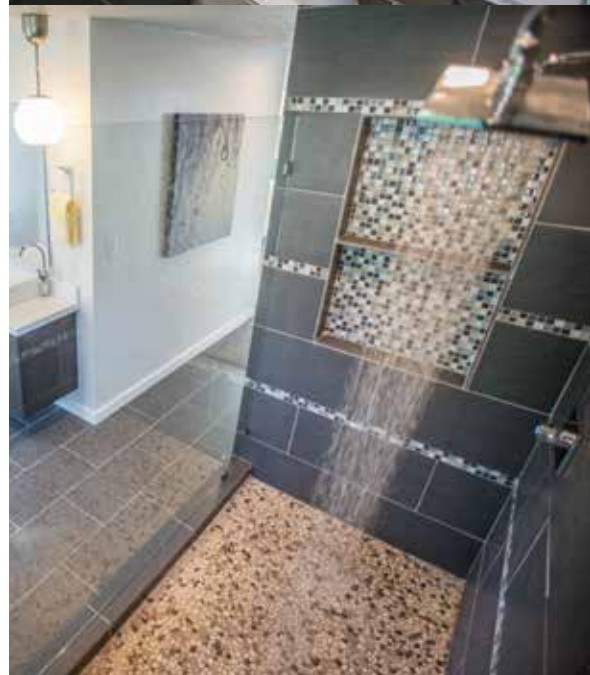
Fully utilizing your space is essential. Getting the right balance between the space available and how you will function in the space begins the design process. Plan an efficient layout by identifying where the existing plumbing and ventilation was done and how to leverage those locations.

Style

Go on a quest for design inspiration. You don't have to adhere to one particular style strictly. Pick and choose elements that are important and styles that you love. Pinterest and Houzz are great places to gather and save your initial inspiration.

Fixtures

- Vanity style can make a big statement and hold the style and functionality for the space. Options to consider may be double sinks, oversized mirrors, storage space, or floating vanity, which can visually open space.
- Shower and/or tub placement is essential in planning. Are you placing a free-standing tub or walk-in shower? Do you prefer frosted glass doors to transparent doors? Circular showerheads vs. rainfall? The possibilities are infinite.
- Tile for your bathroom is a matter of personal preference. The primary elements to consider are suitability for humid environments, level of care and upkeep for the tile material, and safety when tiles are slippery.
- Towel Bars and Rings can be a major remodel “oops” when not planned for in a bathroom layout. Consider all the fine details like sink styles, storage space opportunities, and shelving.



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Lighting

Nothing is worse than poor or bad lighting in your bathroom. The brighter your bathroom, the larger it looks. Consider adding windows and/or skylights. Warm light will always complement any bathroom over fluorescents. Lighting will showcase your bathroom investment beautifully. Take the time to find what works best.

Flooring

Bathroom flooring will be another important decision you make. With many material options, the more common choices are vinyl, linoleum, bamboo, wood, or laminate flooring. However, before deciding, will you plan to install a radiant-heat subfloor? If so, material choices change to what is conducive to heat. Ceramic tile is extremely durable, waterproof, and stain resistant (and can be slip-resistant) but cold underfoot without a radiant floor.

Expert Knowledge and Experience

We're experts at Bright Homes and know how to customize your best bathroom remodel. Whether your bathroom is big or small, carefully planning your new remodel can increase your home's value and make it an enjoyable space. By assessing your budget and goals, we can help you with design and build solutions while avoiding costly mistakes in your bathroom remodel.



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BETTERING YOUR HOME WITH A FINISHED BASEMENT



Basements can be a fun and functional space for a home in so many ways. Still, many people leave their basements unfinished with the idea of someday turning into a functional space that your family can enjoy. Well, now is the time to plan and transform your home's bottom level.

Basement finishing projects can seem tricky and daunting, but having a beautiful space for your friends and family to spend time and make memories is well worth it. Our team at Bright Homes is very experienced in finishing basements – we will walk you through designing the space how you want it, planning a budget that fits your needs, and then putting it all together. Your basement will quickly become your favorite room in the house. The benefits of a finished basement are innumerable, let's look at a few reasons why completing this project can be such a great idea.

Increase the square footage of living space

Leaving a basement unfinished allows a ton of square footage in your home to go to waste. Think about it: do you need an entire home floor dedicated to tools, old clothes and holiday decorations? There are endless possibilities for finishing your basement. Many homeowners like to add a spare bedroom and bathroom for friends and family visiting. Other popular uses include home theaters, man caves, hobby rooms, home gyms, offices, kitchenettes, etc. Regardless of how you use the extra space, the benefits of finishing your basement is exponential. It's functionality and utility is only limited by your imagination.

Improves the energy efficiency of your home

In many homes, unfinished basements with insufficient insulation allow air to escape. Added layers of insulation and drywall help keep the temperature consistent and reduce the energy and cost of heating or cooling your home. If you notice your energy bills are high or want to reduce your carbon footprint, finishing your basement can help your home be more energy-efficient.



Decreases water damage caused by seepage

There may be places in your unfinished basement that are allowing water and moisture to seep in. It's essential to identify these problems before they get out of control. A professional remodeler will outline all the necessary steps to fix seepage and leaks to ensure there's no worries in the future.

Adds value to your home

One of the most significant benefits of finishing your basement is the added value to your home. That is the added benefit of any remodeling project to your home. If reselling is in your future, this may be especially appealing to you – on average, a finished basement can provide 70% return on your investment. Plus, the added living space can attract more home buyers than if your basement is unfinished. Overall, finishing your basement is well worth it.

Consult with Experts

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BRIGHT HOMES DESIGN BUILD EXPERTS

Our mission is to create beautiful homes throughout Utah by collaborating with our clients. This allows us to provide the best customer experience possible, and make the vision for your dream home become a reality.

Our work is a reflection of our company and you can rest assured that we guarantee it. We aspire to exceed your expectations and bring solutions and innovative ideas as we take pride in the work we do.



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Let's create something amazing together.
Interested in working with us?



Contact us today and we'll be in
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