

7 Things to Keep in Mind for Your Bathroom Renovation

The bathroom is the second most renovated room in the house after kitchens. Before you tackle your own renovation, follow these tips to make the process a breeze.

1 Make a List of Changes

To get inspired for the redesign use websites, magazines and social media such as Pinterest, Houzz, and Architectural Digest. Organize your ideas in a binder or on an online idea board. Rank the list by priority and start pricing the desired items.

2 Consider Your Resources

Figure out how much money, time and energy you're willing to dedicate to the project.

3 Set a Budget

Once you decide how much you can spend, subtract 20-30% from this number and set it aside for contingencies.

4 Sketch It Out

You don't have to be an artist — make a rough layout of the space and sketch in fixtures and storage space you want to include.

5 Measure More Than Once

No one wants to find out on installation day that their new sink doesn't fit in the space. Checking measurements twice reduces the risk of costly returns and corrections, saving both time and money.

6 Replace the Underlayment

If you're ripping up flooring or fixtures, consider changing the thin layer of material underneath. This helps eliminate water damage that can often build up in the bathroom.

7 Relocate Toiletries Before Renovating

Before the work begins, take all of your cosmetics and toiletries into another bathroom or room of your home so you can leave the workspace alone throughout the job.



Top Trends in Bathroom Renovations

One sink or two? Shower or tub? There are several decisions to make when updating a bathroom. Here are some questions based on today's trends you'll want to answer when designing your own space!

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- ✓ **Are you renovating for now or later?**
35% of homeowners ages 55+ are renovating for current needs, while 30% of other generations are renovating with their future needs in mind.
- ✓ **Are safety and accessibility priorities?**
A popular demand among baby boomers, 34% are removing the bathtub, and replacing it with more accessible shower features such as a seat, grab bars, low curb or no curb.
- ✓ **How personalized do you want your space?**
26% of homeowners are renovating to customize the bathroom in their recently purchased place. This can include swapping out fixtures, cabinets, flooring, etc.
- ✓ **Does your master bedroom also need some TLC?**
46% of homeowners who renovated their master bathroom also tackled the master bedroom.
- ✓ **Do you want to include a theme?**
Four out of five homeowners changed their bathroom's style. Contemporary, transitional, modern and farmhouse styles have been the most popular.
- ✓ **What's the best sink for your needs?**
66% of homeowners install double sinks. Vessel sinks are growing in popularity.
- ✓ **Want to add a little luxury?**
Homeowners are adding high-end shower and bathtub features, including rainfall shower heads, dual showers and body sprayers.

