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- You may or may not know specifically what you want in a remodel but take the time to assess your needs and wants and those of your family. Do you entertain or cook? Do you need more space for teenagers or aging parents? Work from home? Make notes on how you would best enjoy and use the new space.
- Decide how much you would like to invest in your remodel project. Keep in mind the costs of materials.

The more detailed the list the better your project will be defined, put things on the list no matter how big or small just get everything on there. This list will be refined as you go through the entire process.

- Once you have made your list as thorough as possible, it's time to call some help.

Help can come from many sources

- Interior designers
- Architects
- Engineers
- Design/building contractors

These people can provide the kind of guidance that you will need to complete the definition of our project.

Use the space below to write down the names and contact information for the professionals you'd like to contact:

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You together with your chosen professional should be able to achieve the following:

The goal should be to have at a minimum the following:

- A set of specifications listing all of your product selections (lights, cabinets, counter top, flooring, faucets, wall finishes, etc.)
 - NOTE: If an item has not been selected at this point, include an allotment within your budget for it. This will help ensure your financial expectations are met.

- A set of detailed drawings reflecting your project and all of its nuances. These drawings should have at minimum the following:
 - The plot plan
 - Foundation plan
 - Window & door schedule
 - Lighting plan
 - Floor plans
 - Thermal envelope
 - Title of the project & the date of the plan
 - Engineer or architects stamp
 - Fit and finish for each room

Some Planning Tips

- The more detailed the plans, specifications, and written proposal, the less chance there is for a mistake or misunderstanding.
- Use an experienced contractor/designer/engineer, etc.
- You must completely understand the design.
- And experienced contractor/designer will present all the possibilities for materials that fit the form and function of your project.

Try to avoid changes if possible. It is usually more expensive to change mid-stream.

Plan for Disruption

- Site access
- Bathroom use
- Security
- Children
- Pets
- Temporary set-ups (kitchen/baths)

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- Temporary storage (garage/basement)
- Debris removal (roll off box, etc.)
- Crew work hours

Summary

- Use an experienced professional
- Detailed plans & specifications are a must
- Don't rush into anything
- When remodeling, plan for disruption
- Attend any free seminars for information
- Call the local builder guild or other local construction organizations

I know it might feel like a lot but trust me that putting in a little extra time in the beginning will make the rest of the project less time consuming, stressful, and easier to get through!

Do you have any questions that you'd like us to answer via our YouTube Q&A video series? Email Dave today → sales@dalbr.com