



Free Printable Remodeling Checklist (PDF Copy)

Title:

“Remodeling a House: What to Do First – Step-by-Step Checklist”



1. Define Your Vision

- Set your goals: resale, comfort, space, etc.
 - Create a Pinterest board or mood board
 - List must-haves vs. nice-to-haves
 - Write a brief remodel mission statement
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2. Get a Home Inspection

- Hire a licensed home inspector
 - Check for issues: foundation, electrical, roof, plumbing
 - Get written report & cost estimates
 - Plan repairs before cosmetic changes
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3. Set a Realistic Budget

- Research average costs per room
 - Get 2–3 contractor quotes
 - Include 15–20% contingency buffer
 - Decide what you’ll DIY vs. outsource
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4. Prioritize Your Projects

- Fix core issues first (roof, HVAC, structure)
 - Work top-down (start upstairs if full house)
 - Organize projects in phases
 - Delay cosmetic upgrades if needed
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5. Get Permits and Hire Pros

- Check permit requirements for your city/state
 - Apply for necessary building permits
 - Vet contractors: license, insurance, reviews
 - Sign clear contracts with timelines and payment terms
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6. Avoid Common Mistakes

- Don't skip inspections
 - Avoid unrealistic budgets/timelines
 - Don't hire uninsured workers
 - Avoid remodeling without a clear plan
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