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## **How do you begin to consider a Renovation Project?**

### **Gather your ideas**

- Watch renovation shows (but don't trust the timelines as a lot can happen during commercials)
- Visit web sites that show renovated areas which are similar to what you have in mind for your renovation
- Visit showhomes in the city to get ideas
- Research professional renovators to find one who has all the credentials with a proven track record

### **Meet your chosen renovator for an in-home consultation**

- Let your renovator know your thoughts and ideas for your home
- At this point, a good renovator can also coach you on a good stop / start point for your renovation
- The key to a successful renovation is to seamlessly incorporate renovated areas into existing areas
- This meeting should end with aligned expectations on budget and vision of the project

### **Are you ready to take the next step?**

- Is your budget and the renovator's ballpark price aligned?
- Are you excited about giving your existing home a wash of fresh design and perhaps additional square footage?
- If you answered yes to the above, it's time to begin the process in earnest

### **Assure yourself that you are spending prudently:**

- A professional renovation is an investment in your home which you will recapture at some point in the future.

### **Design and detailed planning:**

- Work begins by measuring your home, then drafting the plans for your renovation
- After you approve the conceptual drawings, its time for the specification writer and estimator to meet at your home to define, with you, the details of your renovation
- With this meeting complete, the team can now document the project by writing a detailed scope of work and calculating the fixed contract price

**Good to Go:**

- Upon your request to begin the renovation, the next step would be to meet with the in-house interior designer to select all the products and colours for your new renovation
- Once products that are required have been selected, the team will begin the work on site
- Depending on the scope of the renovation it might be necessary to find an alternative residence to live in for the duration of the project.
- Check with your renovator if they offer accommodations
- As the homeowner, you should be kept in the loop every step of the way
- A professional renovator will handle all the hurdles of the renovation to keep your stress to an absolute minimum

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