

Think It Through Checklist TM

A Guide to Pre-Planning Your Remodeling Projects

Before your home improvement or remodeling project can start you will need to be as clear as possible on what you want. To save time, money and stress that comes from misunderstandings, you must be able to articulate what you want before meeting with an architect who then will create a master plan for your home improvements. In addition to perusing magazines and getting professional opinions, you will need to take a block of time without interruption to sit down and think things through, and you may need to do this several times. Use this checklist to guide you as you begin this process.

Check items you are considering and then rate the importance 1-5 with 1 = 'High Priority' and 5 = 'Not Very Important at this Time'. Use space under the item to note what area you have in mind.

- Change the function of a room. _____

- Enlarge a major family center with an addition. _____

- Combine small rooms to form larger space. _____

- Increase ceiling height. _____

- Enlarge windows, add windows or skylight. _____

- Add another bedroom or bathroom. _____

- Change access into home from driveway or garage. _____

- Change access between kitchen and dining room. _____

- Improve access between bedroom and bathroom. _____

- Widen doorways or remove interior doors. _____

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Improve area lighting thru natural light or wiring/outlets. _____

Enlarge closets and build in shelving. _____

Repair or replace flooring. _____

Change condition or texture of walls or ceilings. _____

Update bathroom appliances and fixtures. _____

Replace kitchen appliances, counters and/or cabinets. _____

Build-in entertainment center. _____

Other changes _____
