

# We Need to Remodel. Now What?

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We all find ourselves needing to change our living environment for various reasons. Lifestyle changes, getting married, another baby on the way, parent moving in ... these are just a few examples.

Where to start?

Let's talk about what design/build remodelers look for from homeowners. We need information about your wants, likes and investment research. This is important because you will live with these choices when the project is complete. This also allows us to recommend appropriate options for individual situations.

Preparation is the key to any successful endeavor. The better the planning, the better the outcome will be. The following is a great way to start the process to a successful project that you will enjoy for years to come.

**Needs and wants** — Create two lists for each of these items, e.g., if there's a baby on the way, then you *need* another bedroom. Or you may *want* a laundry room inside the house instead of the garage.

**Visual likes** — This is about personal taste and what attracts your eye. Gather pictures of homes you like (ask the homeowner's

permission first) as well as pictures from magazines. These not only can give you great ideas, but can give the design professional an insight into your personal tastes.

**Look at nearby homes for sale** — This is important for three main reasons: it establishes the value of the surrounding homes, it gives insight into good design versus poor design, and it helps you decide if this is the neighborhood you want to stay in for the next five years or more.



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