



YOUR GUIDE TO CHOOSING THE BEST REMODELING CONTRACTORS

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After months of pouring through home décor magazines and home improvement websites, you are finally ready to leap into a home remodeling project.

Like many homeowners, you want to hire [local home contractors](#) to perform the work.

There are many aspects to think about when it comes to finding the right [home remodeling company](#) that suits your project.

Whether you are adding a master bedroom suite, transforming your outdated kitchen, or enhancing your outdoor living space, this guide provides insight regarding hiring a home remodeling company for your project.



How to Find Good Remodeling Contractors

Before taking the plunge, the first thing you must decide is what kind of remodeling project you want to pursue. For example, is it a small-scale project that only involves replacing cabinetry? Or, it is a medium-size job that entails substantial changes but does not require structural changes.

Or, maybe it is a more sophisticated, large-scale project that involves adding a second level, bumping out, requiring numerous structural changes.

Once you know the type of services you need, it is time to conduct thorough research. Ask around to family, neighbors, and friends to see if they can recommend companies they have used and trust. Make a point to ask about each contractor's work quality and reliability.



Do Your Homework

While there is no exact number of design-build companies or [local home contractors](#) that you should reach out to during your search, there are countless “bad experience” stories out there to keep top of mind during the process.

Your goal should be to find at least a handful of prospective remodeling companies that you sense would be ideal candidates for your project and that you would like to meet face-to-face.

During your initial conversations with prospects, be mindful of how they respond to you and pay attention to their answers to your various questions.



Here are some questions you should get answers to during your first round of communication with prospective contractors:

- **Is the company licensed?**
- **Do they have insurance?** If the company has protection, what type of coverage do they have? For adequate coverage, [home improvement contractors](#) should have personal liability, worker's compensation, and property damage coverage plans.
- **Do they have a physical business address?**
- **How long have they been in business?**
An established company that has worked for many years has proven the test of time and likely has an excellent reputation.
- **Has the company completed similar jobs?**
If so, can they share photos or walk you through a previous client's home?
- **Can they offer references?** A good contractor will also have numerous happy customers that you can reach out to for more information.
- **Will they provide a detailed contract?**
Once you have mutually agreed upon the remodeling project's terms, how does the company officially document the details?

Once you complete these calls, select the best two companies, and then call each one to request in-person meetings to discuss your home remodeling plans in greater detail.



Remodeling Contractors: In-Person Meetings



During your face-to-face meetings with [home remodeling](#) companies, it is essential to evaluate a contractor's interaction with you, their overall authenticity, and their answers to each of your questions.

Here are some areas to discuss with each contractor during your round of in-person meetings:

- Do they ask about how you will use the space?
- Will they help you visualize the new space?
- Can they provide you with a detailed quote and timeline for the work?
- Can they share with you a project they are currently working on?
- Will they be responsible for building inspections and approvals during the project?
- Will your project require permits?
- How do their payment schedules work?

Trust Your Instincts

If you have communicated with several [home remodeling contractors](#) and have multiple estimates, you have a big decision to make before making a final commitment to a specific company.

While it may be tempting to go with the most inexpensive option, it is important to think about the other variables that will play a part in your project.

We suggest picking the remodeling company that truly understands your needs, can address your concerns, be a trusted advisor to you if something unexpected arises, and will work with you from start to finish collaboratively.

Understanding the Contract

Once you have made your final decision, it is vital that you leave no detail out when developing a contract with your [home remodeling company](#).

Here are some elements a remodeling contract should include:

- Contact information. Note the company's physical address, multiple phone numbers, insurance company, as well as account and license numbers.
- A detailed, line-by-line description of the exact agreed upon scope of work.
- A guarantee that the remodeling contractors will file for any required permits.
- Agreed upon payment terms.
- Warranty information.

Always carefully review any written contract before signing on the dotted line.



Are You Ready to Start Remodeling?



A remodeling project is an exciting step for you and your family. Use the tips in this guide to learn how to hire the right [home remodeling contractor](#) so you can boost the chances that you are satisfied with your dream remodeling project.

When you work with an all-inclusive home remodeling company, the greater your chances of finishing your project on time and, most importantly, on budget.

[Republic West Remodeling](#) has been serving the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas for more than 20 years.

We are committed to offering an exceptional experience to homeowners throughout the [entire remodeling process](#), from creative design, engineering, and detailed interior design planning to execution and construction.

For more information about our [home remodeling services](#) give us a call at **(480) 428-2695** to schedule your complimentary design consultation.