BOOST YOUR HOME'S VALUE WITH THESE RENOVATIONS

Making the most of your home improvement investments can be tricky, subjective, and sometimes - expensive. As a real estate professional, I'm often asked by potential sellers to price homes higher than market value based on the improvements that owners have made to the house. Unfortunately, I have to help sellers see that not all improvements are the same in terms of reaping a return. Why? In the eyes of prospective buyers - value can be all a matter of taste. Every year, we look to Remodeling Magazine to spotlight the best renovations for the money, and every year there are some tried and true favorites, and sometimes a few surprises.

STEEL ENTRY DOOR REPLACEMENT

Job Cost: \$1,137 Resale Value: \$974 Cost Recouped: 85.6%

GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT

Job Cost: \$1,496 Resale Value: \$1,132 Cost Recouped: 75.7%

WOODEN WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Job Cost: \$10,708 Resale Value: \$7,852 Cost Recouped: 73.3%

VINYL SIDING REPLACEMENT

Job Cost: \$11,192 Resale Value: \$8,154 Cost Recouped: 72.9%

BASEMENT REMODEL

Job Cost: \$61,303 Resale Value: \$43,095 Cost Recouped: 70.3%

WOOD DECK ADDITION

Job Cost: \$9,327 Resale Value: \$7,213 Cost Recouped: 77.3%

MINOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Job Cost: \$18,527 Resale Value: \$13,977 Cost Recouped: 75.4%

ATTIC BEDROOM ADDITION

Job Cost: \$47,919 Resale Value: \$34,916 Cost Recouped: 72.9%

VINYL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Job Cost: \$9,770 Resale Value: \$6,961 Cost Recouped: 71.2%

MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Job Cost: \$53,931 Resale Value: \$37,139 Cost Recouped: 68.9%

These project values are based on a national average. What's interesting to see is how home improvement values break down even further on a regional level. Thinking of making improvements? Use their handy calculator today at http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value

