

The Ultimate Utah Basement Finishing Guide

By a Family-Owned Construction Company With Decades of Hands-On Experience

Welcome from the Owner

As a family-run construction company based right here in Utah, we know what it takes to turn a dark, unfinished basement into a warm, functional, and value-boosting space. With hands-on experience in nearly every trade—framing, drywall, electrical, plumbing, HVAC—you're not just hiring a crew, you're gaining a partner who understands your home from the ground up.

This guide reflects not just industry best practices, but the personal touch and care we bring to every job.

Step-by-Step: How We Finish a Basement in Utah

1. Site Visit & Vision Planning

We start with a free consultation and walk-through. We ask questions like:

- What will this space be used for? (Game room? Guest suite? Rental unit?)
- What's your timeline?
- Do you have inspiration photos or a Pinterest board?

We'll evaluate:

- Existing plumbing and HVAC lines
- Electrical panel capacity
- Ceiling height and moisture levels
- Egress window code compliance

2. Design + Layout Development

We create a custom floor plan using your goals and budget as a foundation. Common additions include:

- Bedrooms with closets
- Full or half bathrooms
- Kitchenette or wet bar
- Family room/home theater
- Laundry or utility space

💡 Pro Tip: Utah basements are ideal for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or short-term rentals.

3. Permitting & Engineering

Utah cities typically require permits for framing, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and insulation. We handle the paperwork, inspections, and engineering as needed—ensuring everything is up to code and safe for your family.

Construction Phases

4. Demo & Prep

- Remove debris, old insulation, or framing.
- Address any water leaks or cracks.
- Install sump pumps or vapor barriers if needed.

5. Framing

- Frame walls for rooms, hallways, closets, soffits.
- Create bulkheads for ductwork when needed.
- Add blocking for TVs, shelves, or handrails.

6. Mechanical Rough-Ins

- **Electrical:** Add new circuits, lighting, smoke detectors, outlets.
- **Plumbing:** Stub out for bathrooms, sinks, laundry.
- **HVAC:** Extend ductwork for heating/cooling balance.

7. Insulation + Drywall

- Install batt insulation (soundproofing optional).
- Hang, tape, and texture drywall.
- Sand and prep for paint.

8. Finishes & Trim

- Paint walls and ceilings
- Install doors, trim, baseboards
- Flooring: carpet, LVP, tile
- Cabinets, counters, plumbing fixtures


\$ What Does It Cost?

Typical Utah Basement Finishing Costs:

Finish Level	Price / Sq Ft	What's Included
Basic	\$25–\$47	Framing, drywall, simple lighting, carpet
Mid-Range	\$50–\$85	Better finishes, recessed lighting, upgraded flooring
High-End	\$100+	Custom built-ins, tile showers, wet bar, high-end finishes

Average total cost (Utah):

- 1,000 sq ft basic finish: ~\$35,000
- Add a bathroom: +\$8,000–\$15,000
- Walkout access or ADU-ready: +\$10,000+



DIY vs. Pro: Why Hire a Family-Owned Team?

- Familiar with Utah building codes
- Deep experience across trades
- More responsive and hands-on than big-box builders
- Transparent, local pricing

“We’ve been in your shoes—we’ve finished our own family basements. That’s why we treat every project like it’s our own home.”



Smart Design Tips

- Add storage under stairs or in utility closets
- Use light paint colors and LVP flooring to brighten the space
- Install soundproof insulation for bedrooms or theaters
- Pre-wire for smart tech, surround sound, or home offices



Project Timeline: How Long Will It Take?

Project Size	Timeframe
500–800 sq ft	4–6 weeks
800–1200 sq ft	6–9 weeks
1200+ sq ft or with bath	8–12 weeks


Before You Hire Any Contractor, Ask:

- Are you licensed and insured in Utah?
- Do you handle permits and inspections?
- Can I see a portfolio and reviews?
- Do you offer a warranty?

We check all these boxes and would love to earn your trust.

Ready to Build Your Dream Basement?

Call us today to schedule a free consultation. We're not just builders—we're neighbors, and we're committed to helping Utah families build homes that grow with them.

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