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How to Renovate Like the Pros

"Ask your contractor to sign a document detailing the week-by-week schedule, the completion date, and the scope of work: appliances, fixtures, tile, paint, down to the doorknobs. I also recommend a penalty clause for late work, allowing you to withhold payment by the day or by percentage. Finally, make sure that only one person is in charge of the keys."

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