



PLANNING YOUR REMODEL WELL

A HOME PROJECT PLANNING WORKBOOK

Thoughtful questions to help you plan
with clarity, confidence, and purpose.

HELPING FAMILIES CREATE SPACES WHERE THEY CAN FLOURISH.

Welcome

Why We Created This Workbook

We believe every home represents people, not just a project. We created this workbook to help families think through one of life's biggest investments with greater confidence, clarity, and peace.

Whether you choose Hartman Construction Services or another contractor, our hope is that these pages help you make wise decisions for the people who matter most.





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Why are we remodeling?

Why this matters

Understanding the reason behind your project gives every later decision a clear purpose.

Think about...

- What is no longer working for our family?
- What frustrations do we experience in this space?
- What prompted us to consider this project now?
- How do we hope life at home will be different afterward?

Our Family's Notes





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What does success look like?

Why this matters

Success is more than new finishes, so ask yourself how the completed space should improve everyday life.

Think about...

- Will this space be more functional?
- Will it be safer or easier to use?
- Will it support time together, hospitality, or rest?
- What would make us say, one year later, that this project was worthwhile?

Our Family's Notes





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What investment makes sense for our family?

Why this matters

A realistic investment range helps align expectations, priorities, and the overall purpose of the remodel.

Think about...

- What amount can we comfortably invest without creating unhealthy financial strain?
- What is our preferred investment range?
- What is the maximum we would consider if the added value supports our goals?
- What are our must-haves, and what could wait for a later phase?
- Where could we simplify without compromising the overall intent of the project?
- What contingency should we reserve for conditions that cannot be seen before work begins?

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Who needs to be part of the decision-making process?

Why this matters

Involving the right people early prevents delays, mixed expectations, and unnecessary frustration later.

Think about...

- Is this something the whole family needs to discuss?
- Who needs to be involved in selections and major decisions?
- Where would guidance from a designer, contractor, or other expert help?
- Who will have the final say?
- Who will communicate directly with the contractor?

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What concerns us most - and why?

Why this matters

Naming your concerns gives you and your contractor the opportunity to address them before construction begins.

Think about...

- What worries us most about cost, disruption, timing, quality, or communication?
- Why does each concern matter to our family?
- Have previous experiences shaped these concerns?
- What would help us feel informed, respected, and confident throughout the project?

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What questions do we want answered before hiring a contractor?

Why this matters

The right questions reveal more than price. They help you understand how a contractor communicates, prepares, solves problems, and cares for your home.

Think about...

- Are you licensed, bonded, and insured for this work?
- How soon are you available, and how long should this process take?
- Do you have a website, reviews, and past clients I may contact?
- How will we communicate during the project?
- How do you handle changes, allowances, and unexpected conditions?
- How will you protect our home and manage dust, debris, and daily cleanup?
- Will we need to move out, and how should we prepare children or pets?
- What does a successful project look like to you?

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Are we ready to move forward?

Why this matters

Before moving forward, can we answer yes to the following?

Think about...

- We understand why we are remodeling.
- We can describe what success looks like for our family.
- We have discussed a realistic investment range.
- The right people have been included in the decisions.
- We understand our biggest concerns and why they matter.
- We know what we want to ask prospective contractors.
- We are prepared to begin a thoughtful conversation about next steps.

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A Final Thought

A well-planned project doesn't just create a better home - it creates a better experience for the family who lives there.



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