

WHAT NO ONE TELLS YOU ABOUT A RENOVATION

FLEXIBILITY

When renovating a house, you may encounter unexpected obstacles or changes in plans which can slow down the process. It's important to be willing to make adjustments and be patient during the process.

BUDGET

Figure out your own budget and get multiple quotes. Also, don't forget to factor in the cost of where you're going to stay during the renovation (if you have to move out of your own home). Many people forget to add this cost into their budget!

YOUR CREW

Hire a general contractor rather than individual installers and really make sure you jive together. Get to know them and ensure they have your best interest at heart! Work with a designer to avoid decision fatigue and think about bringing in an architect.

SUPPLIES

Limit the places you shop to steer clear of decision overload and stick to your budget. See and touch materials in person and don't rely on internet images when purchasing supplies. Decor...that's different. Splurge on high-visibility everyday items.

YOUR SPACE

Mock-up built-ins in 3D - use tape on the floor to really know how much space they can take up. Know that upstairs plumbing affects downstairs walls - you don't want bulkheads. Think outside the box for doors. Barn doors or pocket doors save space in smaller rooms, like walkin-closets or powder rooms.