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Home Renovation Education (#2)

How long should a home remodel take?



One of the first questions we get as a home renovation contractor is, “How long will this project take?” Any reputable, experienced contractor could immediately reply, “As long as it takes to do the job properly,” but that’s not the answer clients are looking for. They deserve an accurate, honest answer based on the specifics of their particular project. Of course, in order to provide that answer—and for a homeowner to be confident in it—it’s important to first know the necessary steps of a home renovation project. Collectively, the time each step realistically takes add up to a comprehensive timeline for any renovation project. Knowing this, the homeowner can develop realistic expectations about the duration of their project and better manage their daily life while the project is underway.

Chances are, you’ve probably heard tales of renovation woes from someone you know, most of which involve the length of time the project took, which is typically 50% longer than the contractor’s original estimate. This is often the result of poor planning, such as the contractor not ordering all the materials at the beginning of the project; for example, not having cabinets purchased at the start of a kitchen renovation. This may also be a result of poor expectation-setting, where a contractor answers questions prematurely without knowing the full details of the scope of work. A good contractor pays attention to details and takes the time to “plan their work and work their plan,” as the old saying goes. There is a logical order to each step that, when followed, takes into account every aspect of the renovation project and the actions required for successful completion.

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While it can be dangerous to generalize how long it takes to complete a home renovation project, the most popular ones typically take a certain ballpark amount of time. All the estimates provided here are based on the timeline from the day construction begins to the day the final cleaners leave your home. Although there are general timeframes of how long a project can take, every project's length depends heavily on the scope and size of the job and can vary drastically depending on the extent of your remodel. A major kitchen or bathroom remodel can take around 8 weeks, while an entire house remodel can take 4-6 months, depending on the scope. There are many contributing factors to the length of a project, and all of those factors should be explored with your contractor prior to the start of your project.

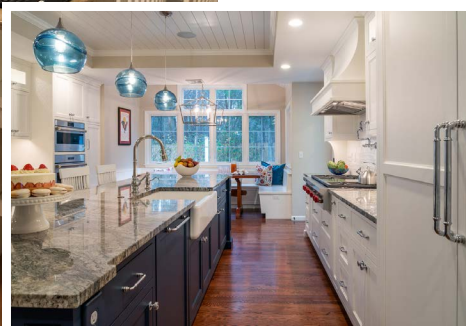
At the end of the day, there are a number of questions to ask and factors to consider before starting your home remodel, all of which a reputable contractor can answer and help you through. If you would like to see more approximate timelines for how long different projects should take, different factors that can affect a project's timeline, whether or not you should stay or leave during a renovation, and answers to other questions, feel free to head over to our website to read our blog:

"How long should a remodel take?" >

Entertainment Central



This residential addition extended across the entire back span of the home in order to redesign the layout of the kitchen and family room into something that made more sense and allowed for better function and flow. The new kitchen was taken out of a dark corner and made into the centerpiece of the first floor with an expansive island and seating for four, all new cabinetry and appliances, and a beautiful built-in breakfast area with large windows and a cathedral ceiling.



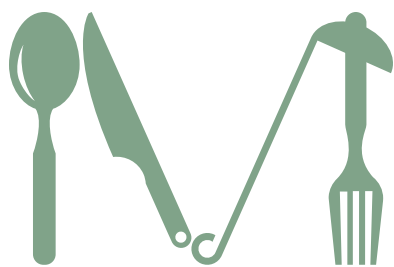
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The old kitchen was dimly lit and outdated, and its poor layout made it difficult to work in. The new kitchen is bright and welcoming and flows perfectly into the new family room with custom built-ins, and a beautiful two-way fireplace. On the other side of the fireplace is a brand new bar room, fully equipped with a sink, plenty of storage, a mini fridge, and an entire state-of-the-art wine room.



All new cabinetry with plenty of storage options, beautiful appliances, new flooring, an expansive island, a command center, and a brand-new family room and bar turned this home into the perfect entertainment space, realizing the owner's dream and giving the family a more beautiful, enjoyable, livable space for years to come.



THE MITCHELL
KITCHEN

Cream of Mushroom Soup

ingredients

- **¼ cup** of Butter
- **16 oz.** of cremini mushrooms, sliced
- **2/3 cup** of sliced shiitake mushrooms
- **1 shallot**, minced
- **2 cloves** of garlic, minced
- **1 tsp.** of dried thyme
- **4 cups** of vegetable stock
- **1/3 cup** of heavy cream
- kosher salt, to taste
- Ground black pepper, to taste

instructions

1. Prepare all of your ingredients by slicing your mushrooms and mincing your shallot and garlic.
2. In a large pot, melt your butter. Once melted add in both the cremini and shiitake mushrooms until they are golden.
3. Once golden, season them with salt & pepper to taste, remove one cup of the mushrooms, placing them off to the side.
4. Add the minced shallot and garlic to the pot and sauté until they are fragrant. Add the thyme and vegetable stock and bring it to a simmer on medium heat.
5. Let simmer and cook until the mushrooms are tender which should take about 10 minutes. Once tender, use an immersion or regular blender to puree the soup until it is smooth.
6. Return the soup to the pot and stir in the cream and reserved mushrooms. Let simmer on low heat for about 5 minutes, mixing occasionally.

Serve and enjoy!

Thanks For The Thanks!

Thank you to all of our amazing clients for your kind words, and for the trust you put in us to make your dreams come true!

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Stephen did a great job scheduling, especially with the add-ons. Eric's carpentry skills are outstanding. Randy's suggestions during the electrical walk-through far exceeded our expectations.

– Carl & Nancy S.



Thank you for everything. Although, you may have done too good of a job where I'll never want to leave this house!

– Ashley H.

Overall we had a fantastic experience working with Mitchell and look forward to future projects.

– Nick & Amy H.



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