

Project Planning Checklist

Every great remodel starts with a plan — one that fits your goals, your home, and your lifestyle. Whether you're remodeling a single room or taking on a full home transformation, this checklist from Banyan Living will help you stay organized and confident from start to finish.



Define Your Vision

Before you call a contractor, spend time thinking about:

- Which spaces do you want to remodel?
- What's not working in your current layout?
- How do you want the space to feel — modern, coastal, classic, timeless?
- What's your must-have list vs. your nice-to-have list?
- Gather inspiration photos (Pinterest, Houzz, magazine clippings, etc.)

 **Pro Tip: Save photos of finishes and layouts that actually match your home's size and style — not just dream homes.**

Set Your Budget

Remodeling is an investment. Start with a realistic budget for your space and scope.

- Reference our Southwest Florida Remodeling Cost Guide for typical price ranges.
- Prioritize what matters most (cabinetry, layout, finishes).
- Build in a 10-15% contingency for unexpected costs.
- Decide how you'll fund the project (savings, financing, home equity).

 **Pro Tip: Focus on long-term value — quality materials outlast trends.**

Choose the Right Contractor

Your remodeler should be:

- Licensed & insured (Ask for the license number — ours is CBC 1262248)
- Experienced in projects like yours
- Transparent about communication and costs
- Local and familiar with Lee County building codes

 **Pro Tip: Check reviews, verify licensing through Florida's DBPR, and look for a contractor who listens — not one who just sells.**

Plan the Design Details

This is where the fun begins! Together, we'll fine-tune the design to match your style and intended purpose.

- Select cabinetry, countertops, fixtures, flooring, and finishes.
- Review layout changes and lighting plans.
- Finalize drawings, specs, and materials list.
- Approve your design proposal and estimate.

 **Pro Tip: Choose materials early — supply chain delays are real, and lead times can affect your timeline.**

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Understand the Timeline

Every remodel follows a sequence:

- Design & Selections
- Permitting
- Demolition
- Construction
- Finishes & Walkthrough

💡 **Pro Tip:** Expect some dust, noise, and daily activity. A clear schedule and good communication keep everything on track.

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Prepare Your Home

Before construction begins:

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- Create a temporary kitchen or bathroom setup if needed.
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Final Thoughts

Your remodel should be more than beautiful — it should make your home feel right. With clear planning, communication, and craftsmanship, your vision will come to life exactly as you imagined.

☎ **Let's Start Planning Your Remodel**

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