

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.



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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.

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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.

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Choose the Right Contractor

Your remodeler should be:

- Licensed & insured (Ask for the license number – ours is CBC 1262248).
- Experienced in projects like yours.
- Provides clear communication and detailed proposals.
- 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.

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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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Know What to Expect

Every remodel follows a sequence:

- Design & Selections
- Permitting
- Construction Begins
- Finishing Details
- Final 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:

- Clear out personal items, décor, and breakables.
- Create a temporary kitchen or bathroom setup if needed.
- Plan for pets and kids during work hours.
- Confirm parking, access, and utility needs with your contractor.



Pro Tip: The smoother the prep, the faster the finish.

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Enjoy Your Investment

Your remodel is complete. Now it's time to protect it and enjoy it for years to come.

- Learn how to care for your new finishes.
- Keep warranties, manuals, and project documents in one place.
- Schedule routine maintenance for lasting performance.
- Keep in touch with your contractor for future needs.



Pro Tip: A well-maintained remodel will continue to add beauty, functionality, and value for years to come.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Whether you're just beginning to gather ideas or you're ready to start planning, we're here to help you navigate the process with confidence. A successful remodel begins with thoughtful preparation, trusted guidance, and a team committed to bringing your vision to life.

At Banyan Living, we believe every successful remodel starts with **Designing with Purpose. Building with Pride.** It's more than our tagline. It's how we approach every project.



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