

STEP 2

QUESTIONS TO ASK A POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR FOR A **HAPPY** REMODELING EXPERIENCE

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1.	Will I need a permit for my renovation and if so, can you arrange that for me? How long will it take to get the permit?
2.	How many similar projects have you done in this neighborhood in the last year?
3.	What type of warranties do you give on this type of project? What does the warranty cover?
4.	From your experience, are there any surprises that I should be prepared for?
5.	How will you work with my designer?
6.	When can you give me an itemized estimate that covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• work to be done• materials needed• labor required• time it will take What do you need from me to be able to do this?
7.	In your experience, how often does this type of project go over budget and time?

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8.	What precautions do you put in place to minimize the mess factor in my home?
9.	How do you find it best to communicate once the project is underway?
10.	What kind of documentation will I receive when the project is done?
11.	What do you do with the leftover waste material?
12.	What payment schedule do you usually use?
13.	What date would you be available to start?
14.	References: Remember anyone can manufacture references that may not be genuine. Can you tell me about other similar projects and how they progressed? What problems were encountered? Listen carefully to the details of what the contractor tells you.