



Home Improvement Guide

Spending some time or money on home improvement projects can both boost the value of your property and help you enjoy life in your house. Our home improvement guide helps you pick the projects that will pay you back, decide when to DIY and when to pay a pro, tap into the latest decorating trends, and more.



VALUE-ADD HOME PROJECTS

TOP TEN Value-Add Home Projects

Renovate or move? It's an eternal debate for many homeowners and a question that 2023's chaotic housing market helped many people answer without a doubt.

As far back as 2020, before the Covid-19 pandemic even began, the Dallas Morning News was already reporting a shift in the Texas real estate market and the rest of the nation. A growing number of homeowners were opting to fix their existing abodes rather than move.

Three years later, in early 2023, House Method released data claiming that 55% of homeowners had renovated a portion of their homes in the past year.

This renovation trend doesn't seem any time soon. That said, to renovate doesn't necessarily pay off financially. The Investor's Business Daily provides a list of 10 value-add projects to decide if renovations are worth the expense. Consumer and Vix has also spent time grappling with the question of whether you can sell your home if you find that you're in the market to improve your home.

It's important to know that most home improvement projects will be worth the investment, but will only pay for themselves if you decide to sell.



DIY HOME PROJECTS

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Six fast, easy + affordable ideas!

Some projects are too complicated for a do-it-yourselfer, or overhauling a kitchen or a bathroom might be. Many of these can improve the look of your home and even save you a little money on your home for a sale. When you do them yourself, they can quickly add value to your home, too.

Here are a few of the best DIY projects Texas homeowners can take on over a weekend. All you need for each one is a few essential tools, access to a home improvement store and your YouTube app handy.

- 1. GIVE YOUR HOME A FRESH COAT OF PAINT**
Paint is a great way to give your home a fresh look. It's a relatively easy project that doesn't require much time or money. You can paint a single room or the entire house. It's a great way to refresh your home and even boost your home's resale value.
- 2. REFINISH YOUR WOOD FLOORING**
Wood floors are a classic feature in many homes. Refinishing them can give them a new look and make them look like they've never been worn. It's a great way to refresh your home and even boost your home's resale value.
- 3. LIGHT FIXTURES AND SWAP**
Light fixtures are a great way to refresh your home. They can add a touch of style and make your home look more modern. It's a great way to refresh your home and even boost your home's resale value.



The top 10 home improvement projects to most likely add value and sellability to your home.

Six fast, easy, and affordable ideas for DIY projects to add value to your home.



TIPS FOR HIRING CONTRACTORS

7 Tips IN HIRING THE BEST CONTRACTOR

Homeowners do a lot to maintain and improve their properties. As a certain point, though, they may need to hire a professional.

Contractors can help with everything from a major addition, renovation and a plethora of other home improvement and repair projects. There is a lot of contractor contractors to work with, so it's important to know how to choose the right one for your project.

1. Know What You Want
Before you make any calls for recommendations or send an email asking for a quote, start by considering what you're asking for. What exactly do you want your contractor to do?

There's no margin, so you'll get yourself up for success right from the beginning. Consider each thing that you need, even if you aren't sure about the details.

For instance, if you want a contractor to take down a wall in your living room, consider the ceiling and other elements of the project. That way, you can discuss when you meet and ask for a quote.

2. Do Your Homework
It's also a good idea to do some research before you call. For instance, what does a contractor's license mean? How many years has your contractor been in business? How many projects have they completed to get the best results?

It may be difficult to find companies that you like to a general contractor, but there are many ways to find the best contractor for your project.



HOME DESIGN TRENDS

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A LOOK AT OVERALL TRENDS

As we look into 2024, the world of home design is embracing a blend of modern and classic styles. From the resurgence of boucle to the texture-rich revival, these trends are shaping the future of interior design.

TOP 6 TRENDS

- 1. THE RESURGENCE OF BOUCLE: A TEXTURE RICH REVIVAL**
Boucle fabrics, with their unique and cozy texture, have stepped back into the spotlight, symbolizing a blend of comfort and luxury that's increasingly sought after in interior design. This fabric, historically linked to the opulence of mid-century modern design, has proven its timeless appeal, offering a tactile depth that transforms any piece of furniture into a statement. Boucle's resurgence is not just about its aesthetic charm but also its ability to introduce a sense of warmth and sophistication to spaces. Its application on various furniture pieces, from sofas and armchairs to decorative pillows, showcases its versatility. Moreover, the evolution of boucle into modern, textured fabrics has opened up new possibilities for interior design, allowing for a more sophisticated and textured look.
- 2. EMBRACING CURVES**
The design world is embracing curves, symbolizing a shift in the way we think about furniture and decor. From the rounded lines of a modern sofa to the curved backs of chairs, this trend is all about embracing the soft and the flowing. It's a departure from the sharp angles and straight lines of the past, offering a sense of fluidity and grace. This trend is also reflected in the way we think about lighting, with curved pendant lights and table lamps adding a touch of elegance and sophistication to any space.



Seven tips in hiring the best contractor to work with you on your property improvements.

Several ideas in home design, decor, and architectural trends.



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