



# An Interior Matter



## Plan Your Remodel Like A Pro



Welcome to a world turned upside down. Where you might lose track of time and space and where you will definitely feel like you're losing your mind. Welcome to your construction/remodel project. Here is a guide to help you maneuver this foreign realm and to pave the road for an easier, less stressful experience.

Changes cost someone money. Whether that be you or your contractor, someone pays.

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You must make your project a priority, just as you expect your team to. Planning vacations during the project and not being flexible with your schedule to make time for meetings is not helpful.

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It gets ugly before it gets pretty.

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Moving out of the home during a major portion of it being remodeled will save you mental and emotional stress and allow the crew to move more speedily to complete the project.

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Behind the scenes things are happening. It may be your contractor working into the late hours at their shop finishing your shelves or your designer spending hours in showrooms trying to locate the perfect tile, trust that there is work being done.

## The Journey's Timeline

### 12 months prior

**-Start to think about the scope and parameters of the project:** What all are you wanting to change or accomplish. What walls do you want moved? Windows added? Whole rooms updated?

**-Identify the team:** Contact and secure your architect, general contractor, and designer. These professionals are crucial to making your project run smooth. It's important to decide who will be helping with this as soon as possible. Collect bids, decide who you will be going with and hire them.

### 8-6 months prior

**-Meet with your contractor and designer:** A team meeting is important to establish a solid line of communication for the project. This meeting will give everyone the same information as to what the end goal is, how we want the finished project to feel, the over all aesthetics of the space, and address any concerns anyone may have.

### 4 months prior

**-It's just the beginning, but already time to finish:** Meet with your designer and start the design process. All Fit & Finishes need to be selected and agreed to as soon as possible. The sooner the plan is in place the quicker the contractor can start to price and secure products.

**-Where will is all be stored?:** Come up with a plan as to where the product will be stored on sight. A storage container or a garage (dedicated to the project's products) is ideal.

**-Where will you live?:** If you are remodeling a bath, do you have another one to use? If not you may want to order a Porta Potty for the duration of the project. If you're remodeling a kitchen, what's your plan for preparing meals and storing everything that comes out of the kitchen? Remodeling the whole home—where will you stay?

### During the project:

**-Have patience:** This will not be a quick process. Do to any number of issues there may be delays and times that the project moves very slowly. The completion of the project is everyone's end goal.

**-Communication is key:** A constant line of communication between all team members is vital to the project running smooth and being completed as quickly as possible.