

5 Things to Consider Before Your Initial Meeting With Heritage Builders

Thinking through certain things before we meet will help us tremendously as we discuss your project. Please take a little time and think through each topic. It may even help to make notes and bring them with you to the meeting. It's all about us effectively communicating with each other to make your remodeling dreams reality!

1. **Investment** – Determine how much you are willing to invest in your home. In order for us to give you accurate information and prevent un-necessary pricing it is imperative that we understand what your investment limits are before proceeding into any estimates or designs. Be aware that changes in your project, including necessary updates to your home's wiring, foundation, etc. may come up. You may decide to go with a larger volume refrigerator, an ornate tile design in the bath, or any number of other upgrades that may increase the cost. Therefore, it is a good idea to set your starting investment goal at a margin below what you are actually willing to invest in the project. 15% is a good cushion to work with.
2. **Priorities (Needs and Wants)** – You may have a lot of things you would like to do in your home, and some things you need to do as well. Get these items in order by priority in your mind and we will do everything we can to include all of your needs and your wish list in your project, allowing for your planned investment and time constraints.
3. **Time Constraints** – Do you need to get the project finished before a certain holiday or event? When would you like to start your project? These things are important to consider.
4. **Design Style** – Contemporary? Modern? Rustic? Traditional? These words are a little vague for most people who haven't been involved in home design before. When you get a chance, take a look at www.Houzz.com and browse different photos of jobs. There are notes about the styles, and you should notice color schemes and layouts that appeal to you. Houzz is a great tool that many of our clients use to aid them in making design decisions.
5. **Logistics** - Remodeling can be a big inconvenience for the homeowner. You'll need to think through where you'll eat, shower, sleep, and whatever else you may do in the rooms you're remodeling. Is this an addition you won't be using until it's finished? Great. A kitchen you'll have to do without while we improve it? Then where will you cook? We can help with questions like these

With these basic topics covered, you will be thoroughly prepared for your first meeting with us, and you should feel comfortable discussing your ideas with us. We will help you work through every detail as we go, so don't stress. You're taking the first steps to making your house the home you want it to be.