

Understanding Project Timelines

What to expect during a home remodel and how to plan for disruptions

One of the most common questions we hear is “How long will it take?” Every project is different, but knowing the typical phases — and what can slow them down — helps you plan your life around the work and avoid frustration along the way.

The Phases of a Remodel

Phase 1: Design & Planning (1–4 weeks)

Finalizing scope, selections, measurements, and the contract. The more decisions made now, the smoother everything runs later.

Phase 2: Permits & Ordering (1–3 weeks)

Pulling permits and ordering materials. Custom cabinets and specialty tile can have longer lead times — order early.

Phase 3: Demolition (1–3 days)

Removing old finishes and fixtures. Fast, but this is when hidden issues are often uncovered.

Phase 4: Rough-In Work (1–2 weeks)

Plumbing, electrical, and framing behind the walls, followed by inspections before closing anything up.

Phase 5: Finishes (2–4 weeks)

Tile, cabinets, countertops, paint, fixtures, and trim — where your vision finally comes together.

Phase 6: Final Walkthrough (1–2 days)

Punch list, cleanup, and final inspection. We don't consider a job done until you're thrilled with it.

Typical Total Timelines

- **Bathroom remodel:** 3–5 weeks
- **Kitchen remodel:** 6–10 weeks
- **Whole-home renovation:** 3–6 months

What Causes Delays

- Change orders and mid-project decisions
- Long lead times on custom or backordered materials

- Hidden damage discovered during demolition
- Permit and inspection scheduling
- Weather (for exterior or structural work)

Pro Tip: Make Selections Early

The #1 cause of avoidable delays is late decision-making. Choosing all your materials before demolition starts keeps the crew moving and your project on schedule.

How to Plan for Disruption

- Set up a temporary kitchen or bathroom if needed
- Plan for dust barriers and daily cleanup expectations
- Arrange pet and child safety around the work zone
- Confirm working hours and site access with your contractor
- Agree on a communication schedule for updates

Ready to bring your project to life?

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