

This is to guide you to your dream plans (or how to find one) with clarity with Designers/ Remodelers. Don't waste time, brain cells or money

### HOW TO USE THIS DOC AND TIPS SHEET

\*Shocking News: Partners don't always agree! Your goal is to come to a happy medium. Have your partner answer their own sheet so the professionals can guide you to resolve, unless there is only 1 decision maker or you FULLY AGREE. Use 1 sheet per area & its best to focus on getting a bid for your MOST important/largest area FIRST- then after you get in those bids and see you still have more bandwidth for other areas, move on to them. Use 1 sheet if several tiny areas/projects

# HOW MUCH DO I WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

This matters when considering who you will choose to remodel with.

How much do they expect of you & you of them?

#### START TIME DESIRE:

This is just your hearts wish, every remodeler will have a different timeline based on scope & material choices & their ETAs but helps them meet your goal if possible.

# MY PAST EXPERIENCE IN REMODELING:

This has an expectation & communication implication! Are you over or under guessing? How much guidance will you need or want?

#### QUALITY AND OPTIONS:

Keep in mind as quality & options go UPprice goes UP. If you're no fuss with very little 'set in stone' requests- your costs hover lower. If you like the finer things, have a unique space or many desires, sizes & color specifics- price rises.

What kind of design elements am I drawn to?

### **DESIGN STYLE/ERA**

If you have no idea what design era you are drawn to, Google 'Interior Design Type' images & start an Inspo collage/.doc for vibes you connect with. Mixing eras is not advisable. Design w/ the end in mind! Even if you plan to reno in stages

# TEXTURES AND FIXTURES

Even if your remodeler doesn't provide these or direct you on furniture & details- this can help you choose your back canvas materials. Designing for the big picture is crucial. It helps you opt things in and eliminate things.

#### **COLORS**

It's ok to do some upgrades for a sale SOON. Do NOT remodel for the next person who buys your house 'someday'- they'll either like it & keep it OR rip it all outday 1. Trust us we get the requests for redoing BRAND NEW reno's :(



## **Budget List**

These may not all apply but when shopping around & considering YOUR TOTAL COST. Keep these in mindeven if your remodeler isn't providing all of these things for you in their bid. Consider the Real Estate Value or Long Term Growth trends in your area to see if you're under or overdoing it & what your net cost would be, for what gain?

## **Budget Limits**

If you have NO idea the MAX budget you're willing to spend you will waste time & energy maybe even be steered in the wrong direction- be honest its in your benefit.

#### BID TIP #1

From the time you nailed down a prelim design, track the dates you requested a bid & how long it took you to receive it- this is very telling about future turnaround expectations & communication w/ the business & team.

#### BID TIP #2

Are you comparing ALL scope lines (apples to apples) in your comparison?
OR are some bids missing key things you'll need to gather an outside bid for or add to the other bids?

## BID TIP #3

What is the company's flow & process? Not all company's do things the same does this align with your needs? Does the company offer all you need in house or do you need to work with multiple companies?

## Notes/?s:

Big questions or important notes- use page 03 worksheet for more space.

PRINT SEVERAL
COPIES of page 03 &
MAKE A BINDER to
keep your bids,
designs & ideas!



# PRELIMINARY REMODELING P LANNING GUIDE

# WHAT KIND OF REMODELER AM I?

\*Partners answer on your own sheet if you don't have identical answers, 1 Project Area Per Sheet.

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Project Mngt:		Pet Care?	
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NOTES & QUESTIONS

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	Questions?	
BID #1 FOLLOW	BID #2 FOLLOW	BID #3 FOLLOW
UP/?s -Appts	UP/?s -Appts	UP/?s -Appts
Contact Info/ Rep:	Contact Info/ Rep:	Contact Info/ Rep:



# **INSPIRATION PHOTOS**

Make sure to specify in EACH picture exactly what specific element you like or 'the whole thing'- this will help save your designer/remodeler from taking you down the wrong path... Be careful of entertaining TOO many options- choose your TOP 3 Looks for focus, time save & cost restraint.

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