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Are you considering a bathroom renovation? Does the size of the project or number of decisions make you feel like you don't know where to begin? If any of this sounds familiar, don't worry you are not alone!

Any renovation project can go from simple to extremely complicated very quickly. Your bathroom, in particular, can be one of the most complicated renovation projects to undertake as it often includes plumbing and electrical connections that can be complicated and expensive.

On the plus side, however, renovating your bathroom can add significant value to your home, and provides a terrific return on investment. Renovating your bathroom also gives you the opportunity to create your very own sanctuary from life's hectic moments for years to come.

Rest assured that while renovating your bathroom is certainly a big task, it is not an impossible one! With the right tools and planning, you can have a stress renovation that will create the bathroom you have always wanted.

This workbook is designed to help you plan for your STRESS-FREE bathroom renovation with these 10 easy-to-follow steps, from project planning and budgeting, to tips on hiring a contractor, to ensuring your project is completed to your satisfaction. Following this guide will give you the peace of mind that you have gone through the proper steps to undertaking the STRESS FREE bathroom renovation.

*Let's begin!*



## STEP 1: DEFINING YOUR PROJECT GOALS?

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The first step to your renovation project is to develop a clear idea of what you really want your space to look like. Choosing design elements that all fit together is very important at this stage as you are likely very excited to get started.

**Pro  
Tip:**

It is important to have a clear overall goal for your new space. Avoid simply buying random pieces without any thought of cohesion, this can create a *finished space that is very different than what you want to achieve.*

Let's start by thinking about how you will use your new bathroom and if there are any special considerations you need to include.

Do this BEFORE you actually begin planning your project.

# STEP 1: DEFINING YOUR PROJECT GOALS?

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Check off any of the following that apply to your new space, and answer the following questions:

## This Project will include my :

- Master bathroom
- Your children's bathroom
- A small powder room
- A guest washroom?

What specific purpose will your new bathroom serve?

Examples: Bath-time with my kids each night or bathroom for my guests to use when they stay with me

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How often will you use this bathroom?

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Will this bathroom be used in the morning, afternoon or evening?

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How long do you plan to stay in your home?

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Do you prefer a simple bathroom, or one that is a little more luxurious?

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Do you need just a simple update? Y/N

Write down any special considerations:

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## TIPS TO CONSIDER WHEN RENOVATING:

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### SIMPLE UPDATE

If you simply want to update your bathroom, consider installing new tile, fixtures or cabinetry. You can also paint and/or replace mirrors or accessories to freshen up the look.

### INCREASE VALUE

If you're looking to increase the value of your home, particularly for resale, consider renovating your bathroom based on what a potential buyer may want to see. For example, stay away from extreme or vibrant colors or designs. Clean lines, grays or earth toned tile, cabinets and accents are very much in style

### BETTER USE OF THE SPACE

A complete redesign of your bathroom can be costly, but adds significant value and functionality to your home. When considering a redesign it is best to consult with a contractor or designer to make sure all work is done properly and up to code.



## STEP 2: RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS AND CREATE A BUDGET

Having a set budget is key to a STRESS-FREE renovation. When considering your budget, keep these general guidelines in mind:

- A basic bathroom update can cost between \$3,000 - \$12,000
- The median remodel costs between \$12,000 - \$35,000
- A high-end remodel costs between \$35,000 - \$100,000

**Pro  
Tip:**

Most home renovation projects exceed initial budgets by 10 – 20 percent. Keep a cushion for contingencies so you have ample funds to complete your project.

Write down the budget for your bath renovation: Bathroom Renovation Budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not planning on hiring a professional, it's important to research and price all the items you will need for your project. You can do this online or by going into a home improvement store.

Use this area to collect prices for the items you will need to purchase and don't forget to include tax!

Quantity	Item Description/Manufacturer	Price	Price w/ Tax
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
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14. _____	_____	_____	_____
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Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 3: HIRE A PROFESSIONAL

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Choosing the right professional to work with is a very important part to achieving your end goal of a STRESS-FREE renovation. The right pro can help you every step along the way and make your renovation a success!

### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNERS:

Hiring a professional bathroom designer adds an additional expense to your project, but can help you create the bathroom of your dreams as well as assist in more difficult aspects of the remodel, such as identifying plumbing and electrical needs.

### LICENSED CONTRACTORS:

Based on your comfort level and desire to do the work yourself, you may choose to hire a contractor for some or all of your renovation. Depending on the scope of your project, it is wise to hire a professional contractor if you are making major changes to your space that may require permitting or structural modifications.

Choosing the right professional is extremely important. Do your research and find a pro with great reviews, a professional website and an extensive portfolio. Make sure to ask for references and follow up with past clients to hear about their experiences with the contractor.

Use this space to keep record of professionals you contact, and quotes they provide:

Company Name	Contact Information	Quoted Price	Notes
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
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**Pro  
Tip:** [

It's a great idea to get bids/quotes from at least 3 professionals prior to selecting the right fit for you.  
Remember the least expensive option is not always the best option!

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## STEP 4: PRE-DESIGN QUESTIONS

It is now time to take an important step in your bathroom renovation, preparing to design your space. With so many details to consider, we need to identify items or changes that need to be included in the design of your new bathroom.

**Pro  
Tip:**

It is a great idea to save pictures of bathroom concepts, designs or individual pieces that appeal to you. Save pictures and URL links in a clearly marked folder that you can easily access when you *begin finalizing your design.*



Can you knock down an adjacent wall to create more space?

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Will your toilet be in a water closet or out in the open?

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Will you need extra storage space for bathroom items (toiletries, hair appliances or kid's bath toys)?

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Do you want a window or skylight?

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Do you prefer a double sink vanity? Does the countertop need to be higher or lower than standard?

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Where will electrical outlets be placed?

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Are there any additional items to consider?

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## STEP 5: DESIGN AND MEASURE



Now that you have determined your needs from the space, it's time to start designing! Your hired professional will provide you with a detailed sketch of your space. The key to preparing your bathroom for a renovation is to ensure you have exact measurements.

**Pro Tip:** [ Now is the time to finalize your material list. If you have identified additional material needs, go back to Step 2 of your workbook and revise your material and cost list. ]

### BATHROOM SKETCH AND MEASUREMENTS

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# STEP 6: PERSONALIZING YOUR BATHROOM

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**Pro  
Tip:**

Refer back to your saved pictures and URL links for inspiration and guidance to help make your selections

At this stage in the planning, it's time to choose your finishes, materials and colors for your new space. Write in the specific color, type or finish you have selected for each area of your space below:

Color Scheme/Paint: \_\_\_\_\_

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_

Countertops: \_\_\_\_\_

Faucets: \_\_\_\_\_

Sinks: \_\_\_\_\_

Vanity: \_\_\_\_\_

Bathtub/Shower: \_\_\_\_\_

Mirrors: \_\_\_\_\_

Tile: \_\_\_\_\_

Toilet: \_\_\_\_\_

Storage: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Selections: \_\_\_\_\_

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## STEP 9: STAY ORGANIZED POST-CONSTRUCTION

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Once your renovation is complete, it is important to keep accurate records of all work completed and any receipts, warranties, contracts, user guides and other documents you may need in the future.

Additionally, it is important to thoroughly inspect the work done on your new bathroom and make note of any damage or mistakes. Be sure to provide your contractor with a written or emailed list and arrange for the necessary changes or corrections to be made as quickly as possible.

### Pro Tip:

Keep all your important documents related to your project in one clearly labeled folder so you can find items easily if they are needed in the future.

### Notes:

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## STEP 10: DECORATING YOUR NEW SPACE

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Now your bathroom renovation project is complete, it's time to decorate! Browse in-store or on-line to find the perfect accessories for your new space.

Use the following checklist to ensure you have everything you need for your NEW bathroom:

- Towels
- Bath mat
- Sink mat
- Soap holders
- Shower curtain, curtain rings and rod
- Storage for Q-tips, cotton balls, hair accessories, etc.
- Toilet paper roll holder
- Hooks
- Baskets
- Cabinet liners
- Shower caddy/organizer
- Accent mirrors
- Artwork
- Decorations
- And anything else you need!

