



BUDGET-FRIENDLY HOME RENOVATION IDEAS FOR EVERY ROOM

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Abstract

Every home has its special appeal, even if it lacks the practicality of modern houses. When you notice this, it's a sign that it's time to renovate your house. At this point, you may wonder how to renovate an older house. Before you begin your house renovation journey, consider exploring real-life renovation ideas for houses to get some inspiration.

Introduction

A home renovation may not be something you are thinking of if you are relatively happy with the way your home is and there are not any major repairs that need to be carried out. However, a complete surrey custom home renovation can have many benefits that you may not have thought about.

1. Important Reasons to Finally Renovate Your House

After spending many years living in your home, it is most likely that some parts are broken and need renovation. Maybe the roof have termites, the walls have cracks due to bad weather conditions, and the furniture needs to be refurbished. It is common practice for people to renovate their homes as a way of showing love and how much they relish their surroundings. Renovations may include improving, redecorating, extending or redesigning a home. One of the best benefits of owning properties is the ability and the freedom to renovate in the manner you choose. Property renovation can help you as a property owner to add value to your property, improve its appeal and appearance, get more sense of satisfaction, or even improve your lifestyle.

In order to make a good house renovation, you need to have a good working plan. It is an exercise that is financially rewarding since it can add value to your property and your lifestyle. The process of home renovation starts with knowing what exactly you want to achieve. Once

you have established what you are trying to do, you will manage to go through the other steps. Some of the reasons why people renovate



their homes include returning an old house to its former glory, avoiding the cost of moving, increasing space, or even maximizing property value among others. Here, we will look at some of the reasons why many people think that home renovation is necessary. We will give out seven reasons to finally renovate your house.

- **Saving the cost of moving**

If you truly love the area where you live, or you are in love with your home, it is easier to renovate it than to sell and buy another property in a different location. A renovation is a cost-effective option as opposed to buying a new property elsewhere. You will avoid spending money on legal fees, stamp duty, agent's commission, and other expenses associated with buying and selling of property. You might find out that by selling your house and buying a new one, you have lost thousands of dollars. This is money that could have gone to home renovation activities that would have caused a lesser amount of money. However, it is

important to ensure that whenever you are making home renovations, they are meant to create a lasting benefit to the family so that you avoid the necessity of moving to another house later.

- **Better returns on investment property**

If your intention is to put up your house for sale, a home renovation can help you to attract a greater profit. It can also mean that you will attract more profit by charging higher rent if it is a rental property. For a home intended for sale, it is important to make renovations that will broaden its market appeal and therefore present value. If the intention is to attract higher rent, the renovations should involve coming up with designs that will make it more appealing to the tenants as opposed to home buyers.

- **Increase property value**

For home renovation done with the goal of attracting homebuyers, it should be well executed to accomplish that goal. By renovating your home, you will automatically be increasing its value so that it can turn out to be an excellent investment for your time and money. It is essential to speak with local real estate agents to get advice on features that homebuyers are mostly looking out for. You can manage to increase the value of your property by more than the cost you will spend renovating it. It is clear that home renovations can be used as a way of boosting your investments

- **Restore former glory**

We have all seen time and again that old homes can turn out to be some of the most appealing structures if renovated. If a home was built a long time ago but features some amazing architectural designs, renovating it could reinstate its lost glory.

We have all seen houses that were abandoned and looked inhabitable being renovated and turn to structures worth millions of dollars. Although old structures can present major challenges to designers, they can turn out to be important investments.

- **Make home eco-friendly**

Many people are renovating their homes so that they can meet the needs of a green environment. There are modifications such as the installation of low-flow shower heads and taps that can make your home more eco-friendly. It is also worth noting that today, different government agencies are supporting homeowners who are interested in making environmentally-friendly modifications to their homes. Although making these modifications can be costly at times, it is important to note that such cost will be recovered due to factors such as reduction of energy-efficient appliances and designs.

- **Safety**

After living in your house for more than 20 years, there is no doubt that it is likely to be damaged. One of the reasons why you would be interested in renovating the home would be to boost your safety. You do not want to be hurt by a falling roof or wall. Your safety and that of your family is paramount, and therefore every homeowner should make it the responsibility to ensure that renovations are done to there old houses. This way you will make your house a secure living place.

2. Must-Follow Tips for Starting a House Renovation

You know you want to renovate your house but don't know where to start, right? Well, you're not alone. Many homeowners dive into planning a home renovation with no clue of what to expect. It's only after they suffer through renovation mishaps that they regret not

having a plan. Without preparation, the home renovation process can be full of disappointments because, unlike building a new house, you



aren't starting with a blank slate. There can be unforeseen expenses and issues that make the process complex. So before you go down the twists and turns of the renovation path, here are seven things you must know about where to start with renovating a house.

- **Invest in a Key Lockbox**

If you're renovating your home before moving into it and live far away, consider investing in a key lockbox. You'll need to hire a contractor if there are significant projects on your checklist that you can't do yourself. Remember that contractors start early, so unless you want to drive in morning rush-hour traffic to let workers inside, plan to attach a lockbox or install smart door hardware that allows you to provide entry to guests with a code. It can save you countless hours, gallons of fuel, and painful, early morning wake-up calls.

- **Spend Time in the Space**

As obvious as it might seem, it is essential to hold off on some decisions like paint colors, carpet, and light fixtures until you spend time in the space you're renovating. For example, the choices can be overwhelming if you want to replace dated carpet. Dense or loose fibers? Striated or no pattern? What exact shade of gray? The answers depend on the other aspects of the renovation, like choosing paint colors.

If you select paint palettes before the renovation starts, you still need to see them on walls. Your decisions about colors could change as you spend time in the house. Also, freshly painted walls and new carpet can reveal that existing light fixtures don't illuminate the space as you thought they would. If you spend a little more time before painting and recarpeting to consider how everything works together in the room you're remodeling, you can save several back-to-the-drawing-board moments.

- **Be Realistic About Your Timeline**

Your renovation will take longer than expected, so be prepared when planning a home renovation and make accommodations to avoid frustration. For example, you might think that replacing a whirlpool tub and outdated double vanity in a bathroom will be quick. Removal of the old fixtures can take a few hours, but locating a new tub and vanity you love can take several weeks. It can be another two weeks before they're delivered. An expectation of using your new hall bath within a week can turn into a six-week waiting period. Be realistic about the renovation process and timeline, and select your new updates before removing the existing materials.

- **Expect the Unexpected**

All homes hold secrets—in the walls, under the floors, and elsewhere. A renovation can bring those to light. For example, your contractor tells you your floors are uneven due to a shifted center joist while measuring for your highly anticipated new hardwood floors. You'll need to deal with the home inspector who missed it and get the floor joist repaired before the new material can go down. This is just one possibility of the unexpected and why you should be planning for extra time during your renovation and extra money into your renovation budget to allow for unanticipated mishaps along the way.

- **Interview Multiple Contractors**

It pays to interview multiple contractors and compare bids. Suppose you want your water heater removed from an upstairs closet and a new one installed in the garage. The first plumber you ask may say he plans to charge \$6,000 and would reroute hot water lines, cutting into your living room tray ceiling. The second plumber may find it's too much work for his schedule. Plumber three plans to finish the job in a day and charge \$3,285 with no water line rerouting needed.

You risk paying too much and not getting what you want without interviewing multiple contractors. It pays to do your homework and talk to several experts before making a final decision.

3. How to Clean After Renovation

If you've recently had a renovation done on your house, you probably have a huge mess to deal with. Take a deep breath, and work step-by-step. Start by tackling any large debris left behind and cleaning up any spills you see. Then, take on the dust by vacuuming thoroughly and wiping down walls, surfaces, and fixtures.

- **Taking on the Large Debris**

Gather tools and leftover materials into one place. Once you've gathered everything, figure out what you want to keep and what

you want to get rid of. Put away what you want to keep, and donate or discard what you don't want to keep. If you need to toss items, make sure to read the back of the can on things like paint and chemicals. Often, you'll need to take these items to a hazardous waste disposal center instead of just tossing them.



- **Cleaning up Spills and Small Debris**

Apply rubbing alcohol to a dry latex paint spill on tile or linoleum. Pour rubbing alcohol onto the spill in a puddle. Leave it to soak in for 30 minutes. Once it's had time to soak, wipe up the spill using paper towels, scrubbing gently over the paint. It should come right up.

- **Dealing with the Dust**

Put on safety gear. If you have a lot of dust, consider putting on a dust mask. Also, goggles will keep anything from getting into your eyes, including fine dust. Set up a fan to blow outside. While you're cleaning, place a box fan in a window facing outward. Turn it on, so that when you stir up dust, you blow it outside instead of

keeping it in the room. To take on construction dust, a shop vac with a fine dust bag is the best option. It keeps dust from being blown back into the room from the bag, which can happen with a home vacuum. You can rent or buy a shop vac at local home improvement stores.

3. Your Room-By-Room Cleaning Checklist



Cleaning your home is an important task and you must do it routinely to prevent accumulation of illness-causing pathogens. Moreover, decluttering and organising your personal and household belongings is necessary to keep your house in the best shape. Regular house sanitation helps reduce stress, anxiety and allergies because there are less germs in your home and no clutter.

However, you cannot perform house cleaning without a plan as it leads to backtracking and waste of time, cleaning supplies and efforts. You can hire end of lease cleaning Canberra professionals if you lack the time or expertise for the tasks. However, if you plan to sanitise your home yourself, you must streamline your chores to get work done in

time and without hassle. You will need a checklist, as even professionals use it to outline their tasks. Thus, here is your room-by-room cleaning checklist.

- **Clean Your Bedroom**

Start cleaning with the less hectic room to maintain. Here's how you can spruce your bedroom in no time.

- Make your bed
- Spot-dust furniture, shelves and slabs
- Put dirty clothes & towels in the laundry hamper
- Vacuum bedding, carpets and curtains

- **Sort & Tidy The Living Room**

Once your bedroom is clean, move to sort the living room & make it presentable and welcoming household members or guests.

- Pick up trash using a disposable bin bag. Ensure to separate recyclable items from organic waste.
- Pick up toys, dishes, clothes, books and other things not belonging in the living room
- Wipe and spot clean the cabinetry, shelves, stands etc.
- Wipe the switches, doorknobs, handles, and other high touch points.
- Remove cobwebs and insect marks
- Dust the lights, fans and other fixtures
- Spot clean walls and wipe baseboards
- Dust the curtains and blinds
- Vacuuming the furniture, carpets, rugs, curtains and all other surfaces
- Sweep and mop the floor (if you have hard floors).

- **Deep Clean The Bathroom**

The bathroom is important to clean, as its surfaces and fixtures are constantly exposed to dirt, grime, germs, hard water, soap scum & much more. here's how you can clean it.

- Apply bathroom cleaner to toilet, bathtub and sink & wait 10 minutes before scrubbing and washing the fixtures.
- Wipe the mirrors, glass surfaces and cabinets
- Descale the shower head, taps and hoses
- Scrub the tiles and clean the grouts
- Clean the shower screen or toss the shower curtain in the washing machine.
- Clean the exhaust fan and bathroom fixtures.
- Wash then mop the floor

- **Thoroughly Sanitise The Kitchen**

The kitchen is among the dirtiest rooms in your house and you must focus well on this room while cleaning your house.

- Declutter your kitchen by getting rid of unwanted items, expired food, rotten edibles etc.
- Dust the lights, fans and fixtures.
- Clean the oven, dishwasher and microwave.
- Clean the refrigerator
- Wipe kitchen walls and baseboards
- Wipe the appliances like coffee maker, toaster, air fryer etc.
- Wash dishes and the sink
- Clean the stove and rangehood
- Remove spots and stains from the countertops, shelves and splatter zone.
- Sweep and mop the floors

- **Declutter & Clean The Garage**

The garage can become a place to hoard things you want out of the house. Thus, it can have multiple unwanted things and dirty areas.

- Donate, toss or resell things from the garage
- Wipe all shelves, storage units and containers
- Spot clean walls and wipe baseboards
- Clean the doors and windows
- Sweep and spot clean the floors

- **Tasks To Perform Throughout The House**

Here is a list of house cleaning tasks you must do in each room.

- Clean windows and wash window/door screens (if any)
- Sanitise high touch points like switches, doorknobs, handles, etc.
- Vacuum carpets, rugs and upholstery
- Clean the blinds
- Sweep and mop the floors
- Clean the air vents and registers
- Dispose of trash
- Wipe and vacuum furniture

- **Clean Kid's Bedroom**

If your kids aren't old enough to clean their rooms, do the following.

- Pick up toys and wash them (sterilise whatever is necessary)
- Make their bed or crib
- Dust and wipe all surfaces
- Organise toys, clothes, blankets and bedding
- Vacuum the carpets, rugs and play areas
- Sweep and mop hard floors

- **Laundry Room**

Mould and dampness can quickly make this room look and smell bad. Thus, take the following measures to keep it clean.

- Aerate the room and make sure it is well ventilated while cleaning
- Clean and sanitise the washer and dryer
- Clean behind the equipment
- Spot clean walls and wipe skirtings
- Get rid of empty bottles and containers
- Wipe and declutter shelves
- Refill and organise supplies
- Sweep and mop the floors

- **Don't Forget to Clean External Areas**

Bond cleaning is not only about the internal sanitation of the property; you have to pay attention to external areas well. Listed below are things you need to do for completing a bond clean.

- De-weed and mow the grass in the yard/garden and trim the edges
- Sweep and mop the garage, deck, or other outdoor floors
- Vacuum the garage and alfresco

- **Other Things To Keep In Mind**

Whether you clean the rented house yourself or get it sanitised by bond cleaners in Brisbane, you have to keep the following things in mind.

- Remove trash from the property.
- Move your belongings from the house before the end of lease clean. It can become challenging for the bond cleaners to clean the property which is cluttered with heavy furniture and other belongings.

- Get professional help if there is pest infestation, heavily-soiled carpets, severe mould development, and other sanitation issues which cannot be resolved with DIY bond cleaning.

- **Wrapping Up**

Maintaining a clean home is art and it requires planning and preparation. You can hire professionals for house cleaning, but you still need to streamline your chores. Thus, use this room-by-room cleaning checklist to ensure your home is neat and tidy at all times.

4. Top Biggest Renovating Mistakes



From ignoring prep work and safety to setting unrealistic budgets, find out how to avoid these mistakes and more when renovating.

- **Buying Cheap Materials**

Don't Sweat It host Steve Watson says, "One of the biggest mistakes that people make when it comes to home renovation (is that) they try to be cheap when they buy materials. The bottom line is, you're

going to get what you pay for."Carpenter Jimmy Little adds his two cents: "If you're going to do it, do it. If you can't afford to do it, wait."

- **Inaccurate Measurements**

Nancy Soriano, former editor in chief of Country Living magazine says, "I can't emphasize enough how an inch or even sometimes a half an inch can make a difference. And if your dimensions are off and it's not equal and symmetrical, you're not going to get the full impact and effect that you want. If you're not sure about how to measure or you can't follow the directions, don't hesitate at all to call somebody. Ask them to come over and take the measurement for you."

- **Skipping the Prep Work**

"Do it the right way, right away," says Carey. "You shouldn't avoid your prep work. You want to take the time to do it right and right from the beginning." Contractor Jim Collins says, "It's a horrible, tedious process, and nobody likes it, but it saves so much time later on down the way. And that's what you're trying to do: save yourself money and time.

- **Gutting Everything**

"Make sure you have a well-set plan before you start your renovations, because you don't want to go in there and just clear everything out, when you might be able to work around some areas," warns Carey Evans of Don't Sweat It. "I see this time and time again where people just start, and they think they're going to pull a piece of wallpaper off, and by the time the process is over, they've completely gotten themselves into a deep, dark hole that's very difficult to get out of," adds Eric Stromer of Over Your Head.

- **Excessive Use of Duct Tape**

Save the duct tape for decorative purposes only. "My esteemed colleagues, duct tape is not a permanent solution. It is merely a temporary fix," says Eric. "People use duct tape because it's cheap and it's quick and it's easy, but it's definitely a temporary solution. Don't leave it up for more than a couple hours, ever," Jimmy adds.

- **Using the Wrong Tools**

"There are really three problems with using the wrong tool: You can wreck the tool, you can wreck the project you're working on and you can wreck yourself," notes Spike Carelsen, former executive editor of Family Handyman.

5. Conclusion

Applying the advice given above can help you renovate your home. Researching the solutions that best fit your goals, budget, tastes, and preferences is essential to achieving this. Consider and investigate these frequently subtle issues, and budget for their resolution in your restoration plan.

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