



# HOW TO START YOUR RENOVATION PROJECT

“A good start leads to a great finish!”

*“A renovation project is founded in the heart.”*

*UDR*

*Your design begins with a full understanding of what you want to accomplish and why.*

## STEP 1

🐾 WHY

🐾 INSPIRATION

*Gather pictures and other inspirational items. Then answer the following questions:*

- 1.) Why does this project need to be done?
- 2.) What inspires you about this project?
- 3.) What are the top three benefits?
- 4.) What are the top three challenges?
- 5.) What are your fears about this project?

## STEP 2

### 🐾 BUDGET

### 🐾 HOW MUCH

*“ A renovation project centers around a meaningful and ongoing conversation about budget. ”*

*At this point, expect the accuracy of the budget to be low. However, we must begin to understand how the cost of your project will look.*

### ***Research, Record, and Reply to the following questions:***

- 1.) What is the lowest possible cost?
- 2.) What is the highest possible cost?
- 3.) What aspects of the project will carry the most cost?
- 4.) How will the project be funded?
- 5.) What is the NTE (“Not to Exceed) Threshold?

### 🐾 IMPORTANT!!!

Share this information with your Designer and Contractor!

Costs will spiral out of control if you do not maintain an open conversation about budget.

**NOW YOU KNOW WHY & HOW MUCH**

## STEP 3

*One of the most  
complex decisions  
in the entire process...*

### 🐾 WHO!

*With your “WHY” and “HOW MUCH” in mind answer  
the following questions:*

- 1.) Will this project require a Professional Designer?
- 2.) Will this project require a Professional Contractor?
- 3.) What level of “Sweat Equity” will be required?
- 4.) How long will this project take?
- 5.) Name the top three things requiring a professional’s expertise?  
(engineer, architect, survey, etc...)

### 🐾 Tip

#### ***HIRE A DESIGNER & CONTRACTOR TEAM***

When you hire a team that works together consistently, you receive the highest level of refinement to your plan.

You will experience better budgeting, better scheduling and a better final product.  
You will experience less change orders, less delays and less stress.

At UDR we combine the insight of a Designer with the experience of a Contractor to get it right from the first day until the final brush stroke.

**THE FINAL STEP...  
MEET YOUR TEAM!**



*KAREN*

*JOSH*

*MACY* 🐾

**CONGRATUALATIONS!!!**

You have started your renovation project!

*Now the fun can begin!*

*"We deliver well thought out projects, that reflect your vision, beyond what you can imagine." UDR 🐾*

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