PLANNING FROM AFAR

Your remodeling from afar worksheet

You don't have to be on site every day for your remodel to go smoothly. Bring these questions to your first conversation with a builder, and jot down the answers so you can see how each team would keep you informed and your home cared for while you're away.

HOW INVOLVED WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

☐ **Check in at milestones**

You'd like a weekly recap and a few well-timed visits, with your team handling day-to-day details on site.

☐ **Stay closely involved**

You'd like to weigh in often by photo or video call, and visit whenever your schedule allows.

Questions to ask your builder

01 Who will be my main point of contact, and how quickly can I expect a response?

02 How often will I get updates, and what will they include?
What was finalized, decisions coming up and what's happening on site

03 How will I see progress between visits?
Photos, live video walkthroughs or both

04 Which decisions can your team make on my behalf, and which will always come to me?
Small items that don't change your design or budget

05 How far ahead will I know about upcoming selections and their deadlines?

06 What happens if you find something unexpected once walls are opened?
What was found, why it matters, photos and a recommendation

07 Which milestones are worth planning a trip around?

08 How do you protect and secure my home while I'm away?
Floor protection, storing furnishings, access and site checks

Before work begins

- ☐ Agree on how and how often you'll hear from your team
- ☐ Share the best times and ways to reach you, including your time zone
- ☐ Price your full wish list, then mark your must-haves
- ☐ Finalize layout, cabinetry and major finishes before you travel
- ☐ Line up showroom appointments around your planned visits
- ☐ Decide who has access to the home, plus keys, codes and alarm details
- ☐ Note what stays, so floors and furnishings can be protected or stored
- ☐ Share contact info for your architect or designer, so roles are clear from day one

WORTH PLANNING A TRIP AROUND

Key milestones to see in person

- Project kickoff and site walkthrough
- Showroom visits for key selections
- Finishes coming together
- Framing
- Cabinet installation
- Final walkthrough

Between visits, a weekly recap, photos and video walkthroughs keep you close to the progress. A few well-timed trips let you see, touch and confirm the details that matter most.

Signs of a team that works well from a distance

- One dedicated person who knows your project and answers your questions
- Advance notice of decisions, with clear options and a recommendation
- Discoveries shared quickly, with photos and what must be addressed versus what's optional
- Clear roles between your designer and your builder, so you always know who to ask

Notes from the conversation

Ready when you are.

Thinking about a remodel for your Madison home while you're living elsewhere? We'd be glad to talk through your goals, your timeline and how we keep you connected. Read the full article at cheramybuilders.com/resources.

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