

All Things Renovation Series 1 Episode 2 A Little Thing Called Planning

WORKSHEET

The following questions will help you provide the foundation for your decisionmaking process:

1. What are your decision-making processes like? Do you make decisions quickly or do you need time to consider and re-consider each option? What about your partner?

When it comes to making a decision, will one person take the lead, or will it be collaborative?

- 2. What are your longer-term goals for the property? Is it your forever home? A stepping-stone property? Are you getting ready to sell? Or are you flipping it? Your goals will impact your financial investment.
- 3. What are the needs of the family for the space? Do you have a young family or are you about to be an empty nester? How much weight will you place on your current lifestyle? Future lifestyle?

Will kids share rooms? Will there be a family bathroom or a kids-only bathroom and a master bathroom?

Do you need a special storage area for sports equipment or a soundproof space to play music?

Are there any mobility issues? Do you plan on ageing in place?

4. What is your realistic (done to completion) budget? How are you funding the project? What is the maximum amount you can, or want, to spend? Are you prepared to make compromises if needed?

- 5. When do you want to take on the renovation? Career-wise, is there a better time of year to be able to focus on the project, deal with decisions, disruptions, stress? How about a growing family? Starting a renovation close to when a baby is due or trying to finish in time for an event is not ideal.
- 6. Engage in a higher-level discussion about the property. Are you phasing the renovations room by room, floor by floor? You might be surprised about a room or project that wasn't on your radar but is critical to your partner.

Are there any future phases of work to be considered? While the space is open, your contractor may advise you to do pre-plan some infrastructure to avoid cutting walls open multiple times, incurring repair costs to finished spaces. A higher cost now means less cost and disruption later.

- 7. What are your must-haves?
- 8. How much, if any, work do you want to take on yourself? Do you have the time and expertise to take it on?



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