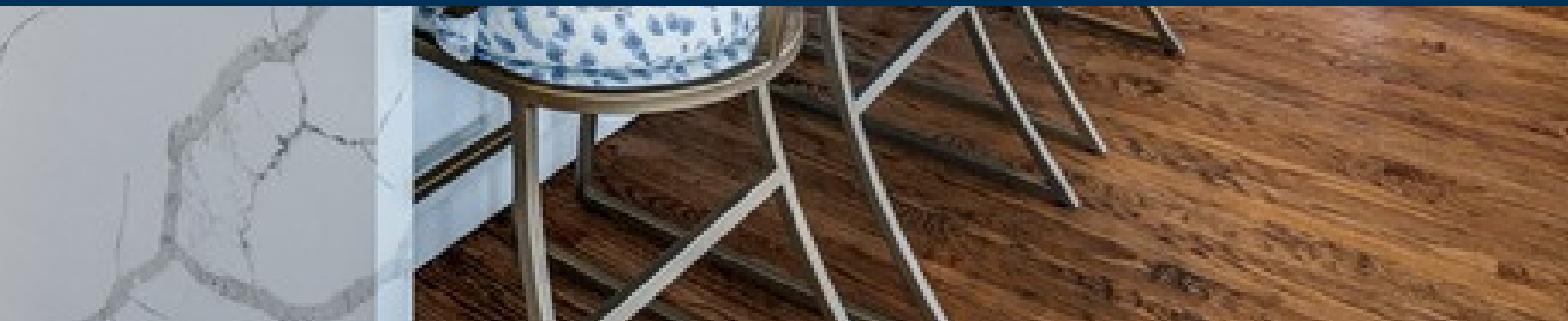


THE GUIDE TO REMODELING COST



What Projects Really Cost & How to Plan Smart





WHY THIS GUIDE EXISTS

Let's Talk About Cost, Honestly

If you're considering a remodeling project, one of your first questions is simple: How much is this going to cost? The challenge is that most homeowners don't get a clear answer early on, and most companies don't want to give one.

The result? Frustration, confusion, and unrealistic expectations. We created this guide to change that. Our goal is to give you realistic cost ranges, clear explanations, and practical insights so you can plan confidently before ever scheduling a consultation.

→ To Set Expectations:

Most homeowners underestimate remodeling costs by 30-50%. This guide will help you avoid that mistake.

WHAT REMODELING REALLY COSTS



What Should You Expect to Invest?

Bathroom Remodel

- \$20,000 – \$75,000+
(Mid-Range)
- \$75,000 – \$120,000+
(High-End)

Kitchen Remodel

- \$30,000 – \$125,000+
(Mid-Range)
- \$150,000 – \$250,000+
(High-End)

Additions

& Whole Home

- \$75,000 – \$500,000+

→ Why the range?

Because no two homes, and no two clients, are the same.
Your layout, materials, goals, and home condition all play a role.



WHY COSTS VARY

What Drives Remodeling Costs?

Every project is unique, but these are the biggest factors that impact price:

Scope of Work

The size and complexity of your project matter. Expanding spaces or moving walls increases cost.

Materials & Finishes

Custom cabinetry, natural stone, and high-end fixtures can significantly increase your investment.

Labor & Expertise

Experienced design-build teams deliver better results, but also represent a larger portion of the budget.

Condition of Your Home

Older homes often require electrical, plumbing, or structural updates.

Permits & Code Requirements

Most remodeling projects require permits and inspections.

Unexpected Issues

Hidden problems, like outdated wiring or water damage, can increase costs once construction begins.



Real Example:

Moving a wall or reconfiguring plumbing can add \$10,000–\$25,000+ to a project.



REAL EXAMPLE

Why One Bathroom Costs \$20k and Another Costs \$85k

Project A

\$20,000

- Existing cabinetry
- Square footage maintained
- Prefabricated vanity
- Standard fixtures

Project B

\$85,000

- Layout reconfigured
- Custom tile shower with glass enclosure
- Custom cabinetry
- Premium plumbing fixtures
- Electrical and lighting upgrades



Conclusion:

The difference comes from the complexity, customization, and size of the project, not just the materials used.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



UPDATE VS REMODEL

Update

- Cosmetic improvements
- Lower cost, shorter timeline

Examples

- Paint
- Fixtures
- Appliances

Remodel

- Structural or layout changes
- Requires permits and professional planning

Examples

- Moving walls
- Reworking plumbing
- Redesigning space

➔ Why it matters:

Many homeowners expect remodel-level results with update-level budgets. Understanding the difference helps you plan realistically.



WHICH TYPE OF PROJECT
ARE YOU PLANNING?

MID-RANGE VS HIGH-END

Mid-Range

- Functional, high-quality improvements
- Focus on value and efficiency
- Faster timelines

High-Range

- Custom design and premium materials
- Greater personalization and detail
- Designed for long-term enjoyment.

➔ Ask yourself:

- How long do I plan to stay in this home?
- Am I prioritizing budget or customization?
- Do I want “updated” or “transformed”?

KITCHEN REMODELING COSTS

Kitchen Remodel Investment

The kitchen is often the most impactful and most complex space to remodel.





KITCHEN REMODELING COSTS

Kitchen Remodel

Mid-Range

\$30,000 to
\$125,000+

- Existing cabinetry
- New countertops and backsplash
- Updated appliances
- Lighting and flooring

High-End

\$150,000 to
\$250,000+

- Custom cabinetry
- Premium appliances
- Structural changes or expansion
- Luxury materials and finishes



What drives costs higher:

- Moving walls or plumbing
- Custom cabinetry
- High-end appliances

WHERE YOUR KITCHEN
BUDGET GOES

TYPICAL COST BREAKDOWN

Design & Planning

25–35%

Countertops & Materials

10–15%

Appliances

10–20%

Cabinetry

25–35%

Labor & Construction

20–30%



➔ **The biggest driver?**

Cabinetry and labor. Investing wisely here has the biggest impact on both function and appearance.

Bathroom Remodel Investment

Bathrooms combine plumbing, electrical, and finish work, which makes them deceptively complex.





BATHROOM REMODELING COSTS

Bathroom Remodel

Mid-Range

\$30,000 to
\$75,000+

- Updated tile and fixtures
- Stock vanity
- Improved lighting

High-End

\$75,000 to
\$120,000+

- Custom shower systems
- Premium materials
- Layout changes
- Spa-like features



What drives costs higher:

- Moving walls or plumbing
- Custom cabinetry
- High-end appliances

MID-RANGE VS HIGH-END

\$40k Bathroom

- Existing layout
- Standard tile
- Stock vanity
- Basic lighting

\$90k Bathroom

- Enlarged shower
- Custom tile and glass
- Heated flooring
- Custom cabinetry
- Designer lighting



→ The biggest differences:

Layout changes, materials, and level of customization.

Aging in Place Investment

Planning for the future doesn't mean sacrificing style. Aging-in-place remodeling creates safer, more accessible spaces designed to support you for years to come.



BATHROOM REMODELING COSTS



Aging in Place

Mid-Range

\$35,000 to
\$80,000+

- Curbless shower
- Comfort-height fixtures
- Improved lighting

High-End

\$80,000 to
\$150,000+

- Full bathroom reconfiguration
- Wider doorways
- Custom accessibility features
- Premium finishes

➔ **What drives costs higher:**

- Layout changes
- Plumbing relocation
- Structural modifications

Garage & Workshop Investment

Garages and workshops can add valuable storage, workspace, and flexibility to your home. Whether you're creating a hobby shop, home gym, or organized garage, the right design can make the space work harder for your lifestyle.



GARAGE & WORKSHOP REMODELING COSTS



Garage & Workshop

Mid-Range

\$40,000 to
\$80,000+

- Existing square footage
- Epoxy flooring
- Custom storage
- Improved lighting

High-End

\$80,000 to
\$250,000+

- Climate control
- Custom cabinetry
- Specialty workspaces
- Premium finishes
- New build or detached space

➔ What drives costs higher:

- Electrical upgrades
- HVAC installation
- Custom storage solutions

OUTDOOR LIVING

Outdoor Living Investment

Extend your living space outdoors with a custom environment designed for relaxing, entertaining, and enjoying your home year-round.



OUTDOOR LIVING
REMODELING COSTS

Outdoor Living

Mid-Range

\$50,000 to
\$125,000+

- Covered patio
- Outdoor kitchen
- Decorative concrete

High-End

\$125,000 to
\$300,000+

- Full outdoor living area
- Fireplace or fire feature
- Motorized screens
- Custom lighting and landscaping

➔ What drives costs higher:

- Outdoor kitchens
- Covered structures
- Utility connections and site work

ADDITIONS & WHOLE HOME
REMODELING COSTS

Additions & Whole Home Remodeling

These projects involve new construction, structural work, permitting, and longer timelines, but can completely transform how you live in your home.



ADDITIONS & WHOLE HOME REMODELING COSTS

LARGER PROJECTS, LARGER IMPACT

Pool Bathroom Addition

- \$50,000 – \$100,000+

Primary Suite Addition

- \$150,000 – \$300,000+

Whole Home Remodel

- \$250,000 – \$500,000+

Detached Garages

- \$20,000 – \$50,000+

Attic Conversion

- \$250 – \$350+ per sq ft

Accessory Dwelling Structures

- \$100,000 – \$230,000+





ABOUT MY REMODELING PROJECT

COST VS VALUE

Should You Remodel for ROI?

Some projects increase home value, but not all. That's why we encourage clients to think beyond ROI.

Return on Investment (ROI)

- Financial resale value
- Varies by project type

Return on Enjoyment (ROE)

- Daily comfort and lifestyle improvement
- Often far more valuable

➔ **The best projects do both:**

We help you strike the right balance.



TIMELINE EXPECTATIONS

How Long Does
Remodeling Take?

Kitchen Remodel

8–16+ weeks

Bathroom Remodel

4–8 weeks

Additions

16+ weeks



What affects the timeline:

- Scope and complexity
- Material availability
- Permits and inspections
- Weather Delays

Planning ahead helps avoid delays.



HOW TO PLAN YOUR BUDGET

Smart Budgeting Tips

01

Prioritize Needs vs Wants

Focus on what matters most.

02

Be Honest About Budget

This helps your team design the right solution.

03

Plan for Contingencies

Set aside 10–20% for unexpected costs.

04

Invest Where It Matters

Quality design and construction prevent costly mistakes.



Why the range?

Every project is unique. Your layout, materials, goals, and the condition of your home all influence the outcome.

AVOID THESE COSTLY MISSTEPS

01

Choosing the lowest bid over the best value

02

Underestimating the total project cost

03

Making major changes mid-project

04

Skipping the design phase

05

Hiring without a clear process



Get the best experience:

The right planning upfront saves time, money, and stress.

A BETTER REMODELING
EXPERIENCE



The DFW Improved Process

Consultation

We learn your goals, vision, and budget.



Design & Planning

We create a detailed plan before construction begins.



Build & Execution

Our team brings your project to life with precision and care.



Why it matters:

A structured process reduces surprises and delivers better results.

Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ is designed to give DFW homeowners clear, straightforward answers so you can plan with confidence and avoid surprises along the way.

What's the difference between a design-build company and a traditional contractor?

Our design build approach brings design, planning, budgeting, and construction together under one team. Instead of coordinating multiple companies, you work with us through the entire process. That way we improve communication and keep your project moving efficiently from concept to completion.

Why do homeowners choose DFW Improved?

With more than 20 years of remodeling experience, over 6,000 homes remodeled, and thousands of satisfied customers, homeowners trust our team to deliver quality craftsmanship, thoughtful design, and a remodeling experience built on transparency and care.

Do I need permits for my remodel?

Yes, most remodeling projects that involve plumbing, electrical, structural work, or layout changes require permits and inspections. Our team handles the permitting process for you to help ensure your project meets local codes and regulations.

Can I live in my home during the remodel?

In many cases, you can remain in your home during a remodel, depending on the project's size and scope. While the areas under construction won't be usable, many homeowners choose to stay and adapt, especially during kitchen remodels, where a temporary setup can help maintain daily routines. Our team also works to keep the jobsite clean and organized and can offer tips to make living at home during the process more manageable.

How can I prepare for my remodel consultation?

Bring inspiration photos, ideas, your project priorities, and a general investment range if possible. You do not need every detail figured out, we'll help guide you through the planning process and answer your questions along the way.

Can DFW Improved collaborate with my existing designer or architect?

Absolutely. We're happy to collaborate with outside designers, architects, or other professionals to help bring your vision to life.

Does DFW Improved offer financing options?

Yes. We offer financing options for qualified homeowners who prefer to finance their remodeling projects. You can apply online or speak with your Sales Consultant about available programs and which option may be the best fit for your project.

Where can I explore styles, materials, colors, and ideas for my remodel?

We invite homeowners to visit our Design Center in Plano, Texas, where you can explore materials, finishes, colors, and design ideas in person alongside our designers and project managers.

DFW IMPROVED

If you can dream it, we can build it.



DFW Improved is a trusted design-build remodeling company serving the Dallas–Fort Worth area.

We specialize in creating high-quality, thoughtfully designed spaces that improve how you live in your home.

From kitchens and bathrooms to whole-home transformations, our team is committed to craftsmanship, transparency, and a better remodeling experience.

Let's Get Started

Ready to Talk About Your Project?

Every home and every project is unique.
The best way to get an accurate estimate
is to start a conversation.

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