

Turning Your House into Your Dream Home



Your home is an extremely important part of your life. It's a peaceful haven in your stress-filled life, a place where you spend time with family and friends, a place where you surround yourself with things you love.

No matter what stage of life you are in, it is never too soon to start creating your dream home--pulling together ideas, collecting samples, zeroing in on modifications that will mean the most to you. Whether you will need small changes or a complete redo, this guide will help you envision your dream home.

TrendMark can then take your wish list and formulate a well thought out design that will combine function with beauty and stay within your budget. With TrendMark as your general contractor, you will get a high-quality, innovative and creative contractor that can work in a multitude of situations and within your budget.

About TrendMark: We are a full service general contractor specializing in remodeling. TrendMark was started in 1996 and has served over 1500 clients in the Triangle area with everything from small room renovation to additions and complete interior and exterior remodeling. We are committed to providing well-designed plans, the highest quality workmanship, and personal service throughout your project.



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Protecting Your Dreams

Things Your Remodeler Should Ask You

Your contractor should ask you lots of questions about your lifestyle to ensure your new space will not only be beautiful, but function properly. At TrendMark, we pride ourselves in the extensive interview process used to gather important information about your everyday lifestyle so your project will result in the most efficient design possible. Effective communication with an experienced remodeler is an absolute necessity in this process. Questions such as what door you use, where you put your keys and mail, or even what things you often misplace are important information needed to create the best design.



A top priority in this bathroom remodel was a seated makeup area.

*“TrendMark listened to our wants and needs and designed an addition that exceeds our expectations”
Dawson, Cary, NC*



The Bakers wish list included a sunroom with an abundance of natural light and backyard

Things to Ask Your Remodeler

- Is the contractor licensed? Ask for the contractor's license number.
- Check license status at NC Licensing Board of General Contractors.
<http://www.nclbgc.net/>
- Does the contractor carry general liability insurance and worker compensation with adequate limits? Request a copy of their Certificate of Insurance.
- Who will oversee the job on a daily basis and who will be working in your home?
- How many jobs similar to your project have you they completed?
- What are the hours work will be preformed?
- Does this project require a permit and if so, will they be responsible for procuring it?
- Will the contractor use a licensed electrician, plumber, and other specialty tradesman?
- What methods will the contractor use to reduce dust and disruption to the household?
- What steps will be taken to keep the house, kids, and pets secure during the project?
- Will the contractor provide multiple references for project similar to yours?
- How long does the contractor warranty their work?

Things to Ask the References

- Were you happy with the project?
- Was the job completed on time and on budget?
- Were the workers respectful of your home and were things kept neat?
- Would you recommend the contractor to complete my project and would you use them again?
- How did they handle changes during the project?

Envisioning Your Dreams

Create a Wish List

This is your chance to DREAM. This is not a time to think about money, so for now, put that aside. Look around and analyze what you like and what you would like to change. List the changes you would like to make in your home, no matter how large or small. Think about your daily routine and how your house could function better for your lifestyle. Ask yourself questions such as:

- Are Green products a must for you?
- How do you want the space to feel—open, cozy, or formal?
- What activities will take place in the space?
- What kind of lighting do you like—natural, soft, or bright?
- What colors do you like—vibrant, pastel or calming?

Decide on your Priorities

Determine the importance of the items on your list. If your primary reason for remodeling is storage, you know this is a must have. If you are updating, the changes may be as small as repainting or as large as removing walls. When you start to create a budget this will help you determine where to start and how to schedule your projects.

Collect Photos

Gather magazine, catalog or website photos, paint chips, and fabrics and sort them by room in your Dream Book. Styles such as traditional, contemporary, country, or transitional may stand out. Make notes on the photos of features you like (i.e., light fixtures, paint colors, or cabinetry). Envision how the room would function. Does the floor plan work? How would you arrange the furniture? Is there enough storage?

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Formulate a Budget

This can be the most difficult part of your planning. Several factors should be included in the process such as cost vs. value, available funding, and priorities. Working with a remodeling professional will help you realize the actual cost of project completion..



This homeowner dreamed of a master bath the felt like a spa with clean white Carra Marble.

“Our kitchen remodel has truly enriched our lives, it is a dream come true”

- Riser, Raleigh, NC



The Filip's dreams came true with a large center island for cooking and

My Wish List



This bathroom was a teenagers dream come true with bright pink and green colors.



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Send this list to Info@TrendMarkInc.com and turn your dreams into a reality.