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# Keys to a Successful Renovation

*Remodeling pros answer most frequently asked questions*

**U**pdating your home can make it more functional and attractive, adding to its comfort, appeal and resale value. But remodeling can also be a significant investment, requiring many important decisions. Here, area pros provide practical guidance to help assure your next project is a big success.

## How much does a remodel cost?

“Unfortunately it is not as simple as a cost per square foot. It depends on the space itself,” says Brian Hogan, owner of Hogan Design & Construction in Geneva. “Are we building open living spaces? Are we building a large kitchen or bath that requires plumbing and ventilation? Is there masonry involved? The size of the space(s) and its primary use(s) will also impact the cost.”

“Additionally, we have to consider what changes may need to be made to the home to maintain continuity between the new design and the existing space,”

explains Hogan. “Design and material selections, as well as how the new structure or design needs to perform, can vary greatly and also affect the price.”

“However, with 20 years of experience in the industry, Hogan Design & Construction can provide rough estimates before beginning the design process,” says Hogan. “Details will still need to be worked out in design but we take pride in listening to your input and getting to know your needs and tastes so that the numbers we present are a true representation of what to expect.”



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