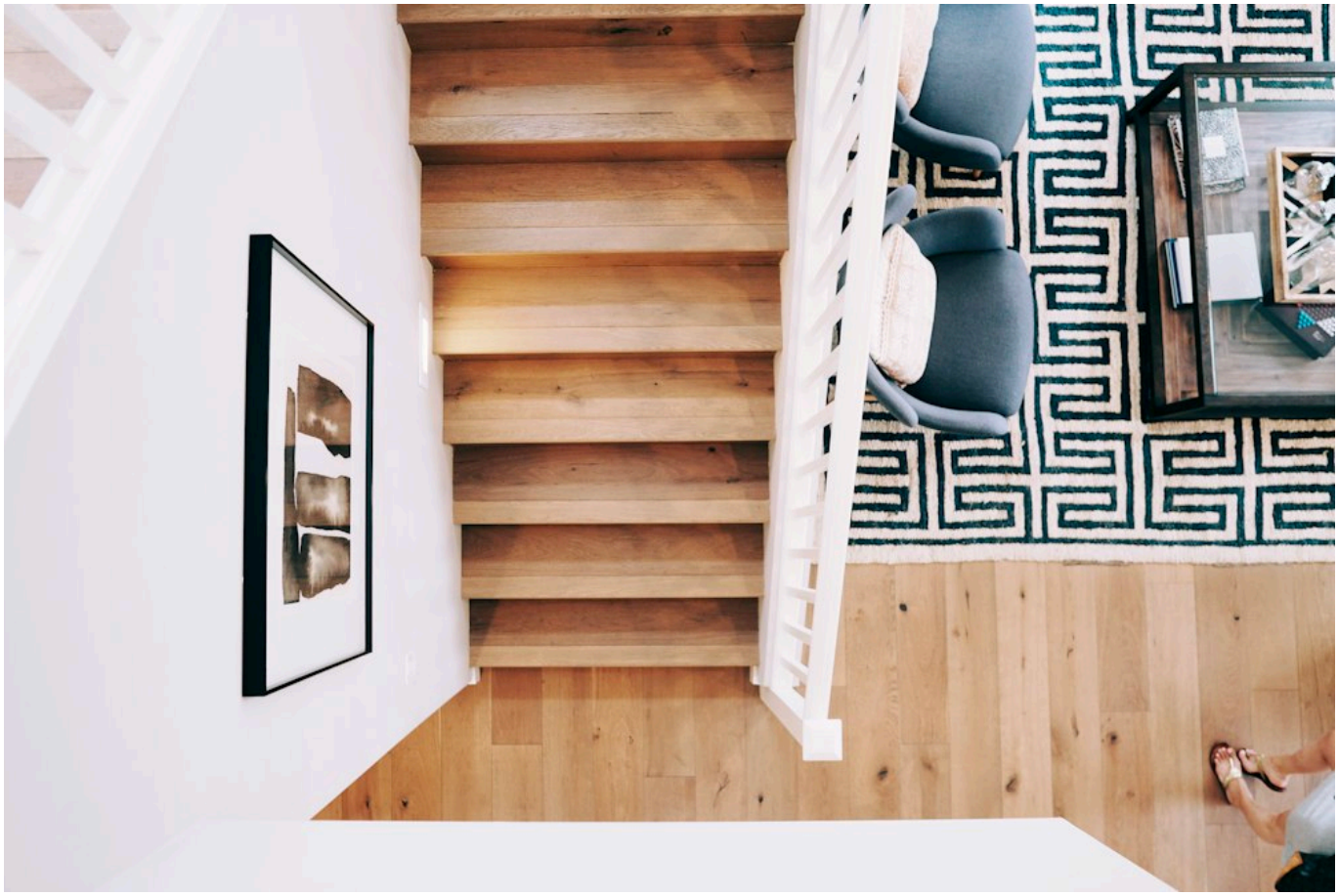
If you have decided to renovate your home, but your head is spinning what you need to do to get everything underway, the key is planning. By creating a plan for your renovation you can ensure the process is as smooth and easy as possible, without the unexpected issues that often pop up when you least expect it.



Whether you are planning to do some of the renovations yourself or you are calling in the experts, be sure to sit down and map out a plan so you have a stage by stage outline of what you can expect to pay and how long the process will take.

Steps for your home renovation

Here are some basic steps to consider when undertaking a renovation, the key to a great renovation is planning and preparation – that way you have the peace of mind that your project will run smoothly and there won't be huge surprises.



Plan and design the renovation

This is important as you will need a draftsman to plan your design or at least have a rough idea of what you will be updating or renovating. Whether it is a small project or a large one, you will need to check with your local council what is allowed and what projects require a DA.



Research builders and trades

Now is a good time to ask for recommendations for trades and builders that can help carry out the work. Word of mouth recommendations are always best, however, a quick online search can also find some great options.



Order your materials, fixtures, and fittings

You will need to plan ahead and order in any materials, appliances, or specific items required for the build. A builder or your trades will be able to help source these items and can help with this stage.



Don’t leave it too late, otherwise, you might wind up blowing out the timing of the project waiting for materials to arrive.

Create a plan for the renovation



Now you should work out who is doing what and what days, there will be a range of stages including demolition, framing, walls, and ceilings, installing appliances and cabinetry, adding in flooring, lighting, and painting, and each process should be done in a specific order. You can't paint the house, for example, until everything has been installed otherwise you will wind up needing to do this again.

Once you have completed your renovation you might need your local council to do an inspection and sign off the work, so be sure to keep them up to date if you have deadlines for the project, so they are aware of each stage of completion.

No matter the size of the renovation project, it is always important to have a plan in place and work closely with your trades to ensure the work is carried out on time and one budget. Whether you are spending a few thousand or a hundred thousand, work to a plan and you will wind up having a smoother renovation with fewer hassles guaranteed.