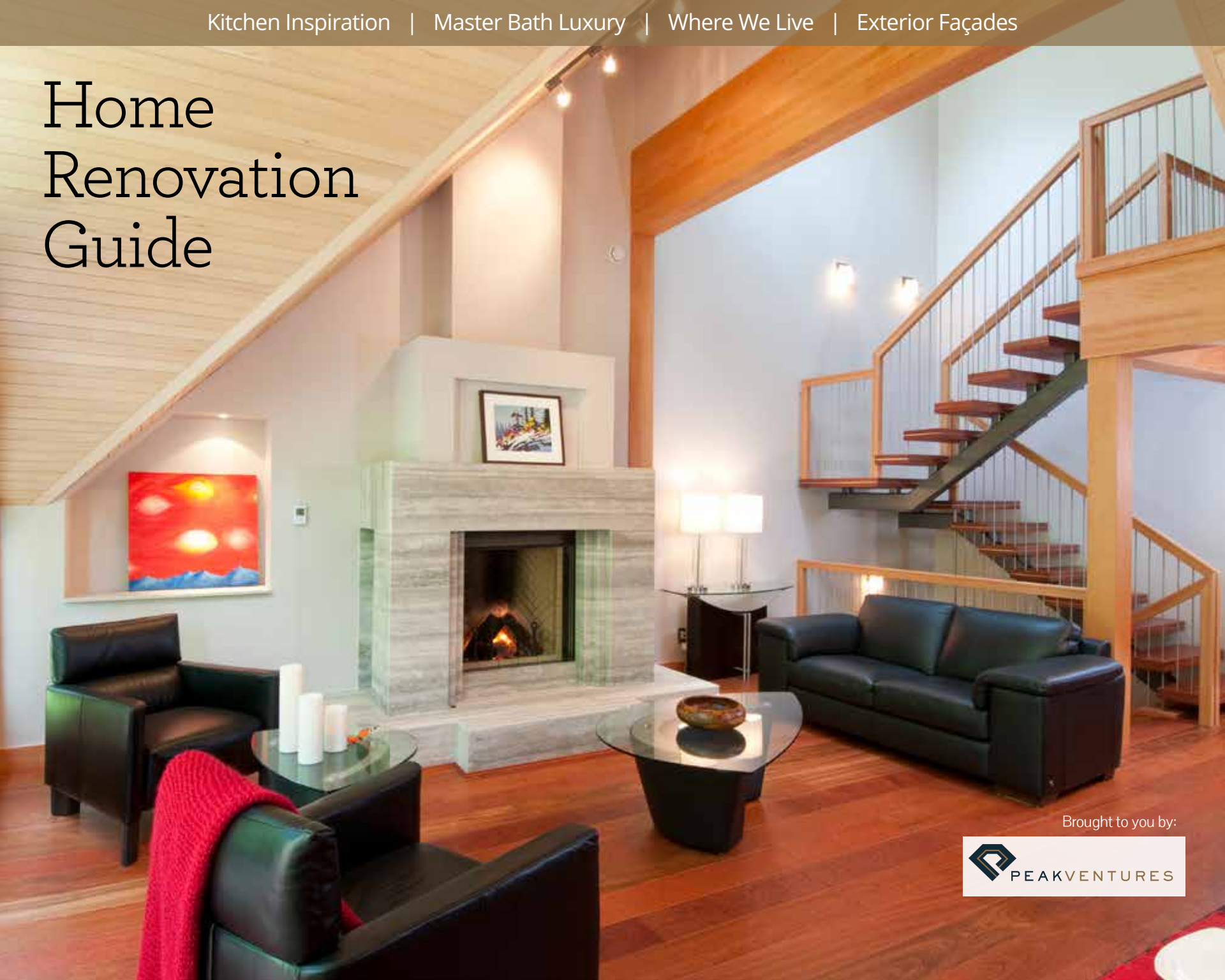


Home Renovation Guide



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ABOVE: Showering is one of the most consistent activities that occurs in a home. In this house, we installed a custom steam shower for a spa-like experience.

LEFT: The master suite is your personal oasis away from the rest of the house. It should invoke a sense of relaxation when entered and incorporate personal touches that fit your style.

Creating the perfect space from your vision is what a renovation is all about.



Your kitchen should contain adequate counter space. Soft-close cabinets, abundant lighting, and abundant storage space are often desired from a kitchen renovation. That combined with modern amenities and appliances creates an ideal cooking set-up whether you are the designated family cook or a gourmet chef.



ABOVE: Create a stunning open space with a staircase that inspires. Don't forget a modern rail that complements the feel of the room and provides security for your residents.

RIGHT: Many spaces flow into the kitchen. So make sure your kitchen is warm and inviting with plenty of space for gatherings.



CREATING A HOME

There's more to creating the perfect home than simply owning a house. Your home is an extension of who you are; it's part of your daily life, the space you come back to at the end of the day, and the place where you gather with your family. Creating the perfect home starts with loving where you live, however, few homeowners find their perfect house ready and waiting for them. But your dream home is only a renovation away!

REASONS TO RENOVATE

Creating the perfect space from your vision is what

a renovation is all about. Renovate an entire home or focus on a kitchen, bathroom, or other room. Construct an amazing master suite that opens up to a balcony with mountain views or a second living space for in-laws or guests. Convert a room into a spectacular home theatre, magnificent library, or relaxing yoga space. No matter what your idea is you can turn it into reality with a renovation.

In this guide, we provide helpful information and ideas for anyone considering a home renovation.



Large windows will allow natural light to flow into the room during the day. Lamps and canned lights in the ceiling will provide a well-lit room long after the sun has gone down. Combine lighting with a spacious room and complementing furniture for a wonderful space for entertaining or relaxing.

KITCHEN INSPIRATION

Having a great kitchen is every homeowner's dream. A kitchen that inspires you to create delicious, artful dishes for your family's enjoyment, that takes the drudgery out of kitchen chores, that gives you a place for fun and social activities – the perfect kitchen is within your reach. The right kitchen can come in any shape, size or style—it's all about what you want. Be inspired and start dreaming about what you want in your ideal kitchen.

CHOOSING A THEME

Choosing the right theme is vital to creating a kitchen that will serve you well. The style you select should complement your personality and support your daily lifestyle. Your perfect kitchen could be basic or sophisticated.

Use wood for warmth, glass and metal for elegance, or colours for depth and interest when it comes to cabinetry and accents. Choose your textures carefully. Smooth, flawless surfaces mesh well with an uncluttered, minimalist look, while grainy, natural fittings do wonders for a rustic, earthy kitchen.



The right kitchen can come in any shape, size and style—it's all about making the most of what you've got.

When designing your dream kitchen, the goal is to create a space you enjoy. This space makes you happy for multiple hours a day, is easy to maintain, and acts as a focal point for gatherings.

The style you select should complement your personality and support your daily needs.



Kitchen's that let in plenty of natural light will invite you to spend time there during the day. They also provide the perfect environment for growing herbs, prepping meals, or working on other projects. Combine plenty of natural light with a light colour scheme to create a warm and inviting kitchen.

LAYOUT LOGISTICS

When you buy a home, you may feel stuck with the existing kitchen layout because of logistical issues such as plumbing, electrical, and structural features.

When you renovate, however, it opens up many options to you as to where you want to put plumbing and electrical. You can also adjust the floor plan, which may require structural changes. Decide for yourself where you want the dishwasher and refrigerator. Create an open floor plan or add a cozy nook where you can eat breakfast or relax and read a book. Make your space easy to indulge in. Then, ask yourself questions such as:

- How much counter space do I need?
- Do I want a breakfast bar, island, nook, or other eating and working space?
- How much space do I need for cabinetry and storage?
- Does the room need direct access to the outdoors for grilling, barbequing, and entertaining?
- What sort of unique features do I want in my dream kitchen?

Whatever type of kitchen you choose, it needs to be a relaxing space that inspires and relaxes.



ABOVE: Coordinating the layout of your kitchen will be important. Note the countertops along the wall and island. You can also see how the stove top, sink, and other large appliance are conveniently located near one another. This space used an existing footprint to create an efficient, elegant kitchen space.

LEFT: Let's take a closer look. The custom oven range provides an amazing cooking spot while the lighting complements the overall aesthetic of the kitchen.

MASTER BATH LUXURY

As one of the most frequently used rooms in your home, your bathroom should be a relaxing retreat. It is a space for hygiene, but also a place where you can rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit. Create a separate bathroom for kids or guests, or renovate your master bathroom to create a peaceful, inviting oasis.

MAKING SPACE

When renovating, you might be limited by existing walls. When this occurs, there are a few things that can be done. Make a small bathroom appear more spacious and luxurious by using mirrors. If your bathroom is located against an external wall, bring the light in by creating a large frosted window. Make a focal point with a wall painting, tile feature, or other design.

AMENITIES

One sink or two? A spa or a regular bathtub? An open or separate water closet? You choose your favorite amenities and let a company like Peak Ventures make it happen. Possibilities include: seamless showers, rain shower heads, spa tubs, heated floors, heated towel racks, soft-close cabinets, custom bathroom storage, efficient air ventilation, and so much more. Do your research, and let's create the perfect bathroom for you.



ABOVE: The floating vanity and toilet further this bathroom's modern style, and the towel warming rack is another amenity that add to this bathroom's appeal.

LEFT: Pairing clean white tile with a modern white sink and stainless steel finishes makes this bathroom both elegant and tranquil.

If you have a large footprint for your bathroom, consider a standalone tub that can be the focal point of the room as well as a place to relax after a long day.



ABOVE: This luxury tub is not only a welcome destination after a long day, but also boasts amazing panoramic views of the surrounding mountain range.

LIGHTING

Lighting can make or break a bathroom. Choose from a range of options including:

- Niche lighting
- Halogens for accents or task lighting
- Ceiling-mounted fixtures or canned lights
- Vintage-style pendants
- Recessed lighting for ambience
- Stylish chandeliers
- Energy efficient LEDs are becoming very affordable and technically advanced

You can also add extra windows. Large windows can be used if your lot is already private. High-set windows are great for locations where you are closer to other houses. Frosted windows can provide the soft-glow of natural light without sacrificing privacy in the slightest.

COLOUR STATEMENTS

There's no limit to the colours you can use in modern bathrooms. From modern grey or clean white to stark black or peaceful beige, a world of colours is open to you. Carry the colour accents through with accessories and functional items such as towels, mats, and shades.



ABOVE and ABOVE RIGHT: Dens are an important part of the home. We desire warm, cozy places where we can relax and unwind. Note the space above. The large fireplace and high ceiling – the comfortable furniture and stylish decor – this is a space fit for living.

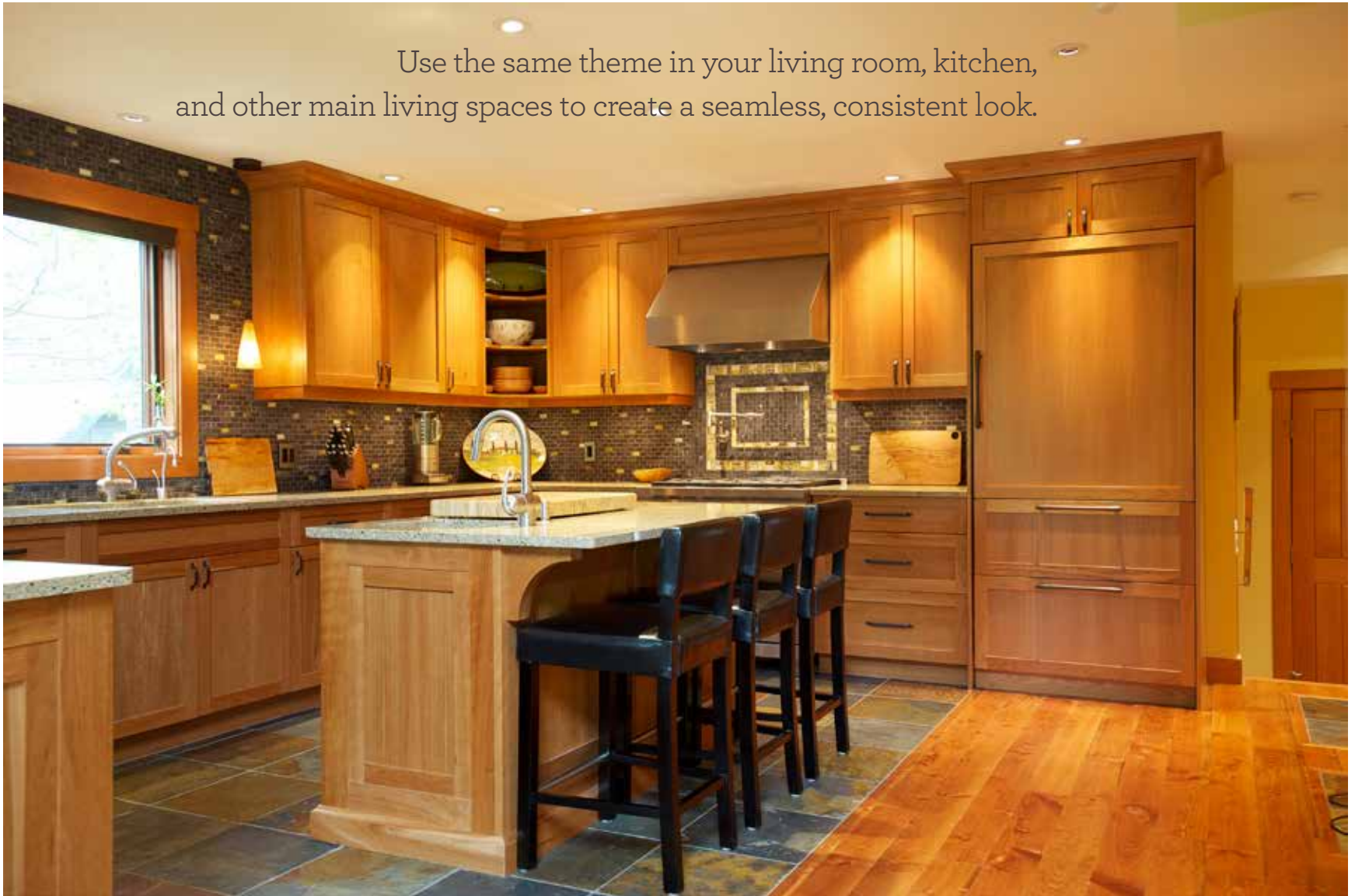
WHERE WE LIVE

We've been making dens since the dawn of history. Today's dens and living rooms are nothing like those original spaces, but they still serve the purpose of giving us a place to gather, a hearth, a space to read, make conversation and relax. Whether your perfect living room is a formal area with high-backed chairs and elegant tables or a trendy pad with oversized couches for seating, renovating will give you the chance to create a living space to fit you.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND

A renovation is a perfect time to make your home environmentally friendly. So don't miss the opportunity to upgrade your insulation and install water saving faucets and showerheads to conserve water. These and other green renovation tactics will reduce your footprint on the environment and save you money on your monthly bills.

Use the same theme in your living room, kitchen, and other main living spaces to create a seamless, consistent look.



DÉCOR DYNAMICS

Renovating your living room gives you the chance to finally get rid of that old wallpaper, dated finishes, and stained carpet. Open up the space you have and make it warm and inviting. Before you begin your renovation, think about your options for lighting, built-in features, furniture, flooring, walls, and ceiling. Then tie them all together by discussing your desires with your Design Build company.

Consider including a fireplace that can serve as the main attraction of the room.



ABOVE: Choosing a fireplace that will work for you is easier than ever. Choose between gas, electric, or wood-burning. Would you like it to look modern or rustic? Do you want it to be a heat source or decorative? Pick a design that complements your entire living space.

EXTERIOR FAÇADES

Choose from a huge range of exterior façades to create your dream home. Although we aren't living outside, you will likely see your home from the outside everyday. You want your home to have curb appeal and create good first impressions with friends and family. You want a home that you will say "That's my home" when you see it from down the street.

MATERIAL MOMENTS

Heavy tile or brick may look wonderful, but they can increase the loads placed on your exterior wall/footings and your renovation company will have to take this into account. Siding is a common material and easy to install, and cost less than other options, but if you're creating your dream home you might want something with a little more character. Columns can be used to add character to an exterior. If you opt for them, you can create a covered entryway for your home.

COLOUR SCHEMES

If your home is part of a housing community, the colour of your external façade may be restricted by the local homeowners' association/ Strata Corp. You may want to opt for bright colours, but make sure you test the paint first. Often extremely bright colours are too bold. Fencing and walls play a big part in the exterior atmosphere too. You can paint these walls an accent colour that will complement the main colour of your home. No matter what you do, work with your design team to balance the colours of your home.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Landscaping and additional structures, such as a garage or shed, are as important as the house itself when it comes to your home's external impression. From carports to workshops to pool houses, making these spaces complement your main home will bring it all together. Gables, arches, balconies, and patios—from stone masonry to intricate metal work, your exterior's finishing touches make all the difference to first impressions.

The landscaping of your property and the exterior buildings are as important as the structure itself.



ABOVE: Before walking into an entryway, the first thing guests see is the outside of a home. Distinguishing features and architectural elements not only reflect a homeowner's style, but they also help set the tone for interior details.

LEFT: Minimal landscaping that incorporates the home's natural surroundings can provide privacy for your home and provide beautiful forest views from inside or outside your home.

NEXT STEPS

So you've decided to renovate your home and are eager to get started. Where do you begin? How can you turn your plan into reality?

CHOOSE A HOME RENOVATION COMPANY

Choosing a Design Build company is the first thing to do. Look for a company you can trust – a reputable company that offers quality craftsmanship and all the customization you desire. Peak Ventures provides a one stop shop for Design & Build services you can trust.

Start your research online. Look at websites, read reviews, and contact different potential candidates. Search for a company with friendly staff that want to know your needs and desires. A good Design Build company will take the time to sit down with you and discuss your vision and will help turn your ideas into an actual design.

One of the most common concerns (after how much a project will cost) is how long a project will take. The answer? "It all depends." No two projects are exactly the same, and there can be a lot of different variables. However, the renovation company you choose will take into account your specific expectations when outlining the timeline so you'll have a good idea of how long your project will take.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

Each project timeline varies according to the overall size of the project, complexities of the approval process, design details, and other requirements of the project, as well as many other influences such as site work, weather conditions, material and contractor availability, the local market conditions, etc.,. It's important to understand [the process of a renovation](#) before getting started. The best thing to do is to work with the Design Build company to understand your renovation's full timeline and talk about what happens during each step.



It's always a good idea to work with a Design Build company that takes the time to get to know you, your needs and your desires. They should be a company that takes the time to sit down with you and discuss your vision for your home. They should be willing to work through all of the details with you during the design phase.

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