

# Kitchen/Bathroom Renovation Checklist

## CHECKLIST

- Get inspired - look through magazines, open houses & online. Put together a vision board. Using a Pinterest board is perfect for this
- Contact your local council to find out what is and isn't allowed for renovations  
Find hidden problems such as structural defects with the floor, pipes, tiles etc
- Complete the work in the right order. Only do one room at a time, and start from the ceiling, then the walls, then the floors
- Set your budget - see below for steps to plan your budget
- Have the plans designed by an architect or designer
- Find a qualified building contractor - look around and get multiple quotes
- Find licenced tradespeople for plumbing, waterproofing, and tiling etc
- Organise the correct building permits - building, plumbing, and electrical permits will be required
- Work out convenient living arrangements - what will your family do without access to a shower, toilet, bath, and kitchen during the renovation?
- Order materials in advance - to avoid delays in fixtures and fittings order them as far in advance as possible
- Book a cleaning service to clean the rooms once the renovations have been completed

## BUDGET

- Will you use your savings, credit card, personal loan, mortgage top-up?
- Measure the size of your kitchen/bathroom and tiled area
- Write down the cost of any fixtures and fittings
- Get quotes from renovation specialists for accurate labour costs
- Budget 2/3 of the price for labour, and the last 1/3 for fixtures, fittings, tiles & extras
- Factor in costs of building, electrical, plumbing permits

