Project Planning Checklist for Busy Parents

Real-life tips for making smart, stylish home updates—without losing your sanity



1. Define Your Priority Space
Start with the room that impacts your daily flow the most.
- Is your entryway tracking in everything from cleats to crushed snacks?
- Are your bathrooms outdated or hard to clean?
  Focus on one high-impact space. You'll feel immediate relief—and momentum.

2. Take Photos in Natural Light
Snap photos of the space at different times of day.
- Make sure to capture flooring, lighting, and transitions to other rooms.
- If you're keeping existing furniture, include it—this helps guide design compatibility.

3. Know Your Lifestyle Needs
Make a quick list:
- Do you have kids under 10? Teenagers? Pets?
- High traffic zones? Do you cook or entertain often?
  Be honest—your flooring and finishes should work for your real life, not just Pinterest.

4. Get Clear on Your Aesthetic
Start a simple inspiration folder (screenshots, saved posts, catalog clippings). Then ask yourself:
- Do I like warm tones or cool tones?
- Do I want flooring that stands out or blends in?
- Do I lean rustic, modern, classic, or minimal?

Pro Tip: Bring in a throw pillow, cabinet door, or paint swatch you love. We'll match materials to what you already own or plan to keep.

5. Sample Strategically
Ask for in-home samples and test them in different lighting.
- Observe how they look in morning vs. evening light.
- Place them near furniture, rugs, or existing cabinetry to see how undertones play together.
- Consider texture—do you want smooth, wire-brushed, or something with grip for little feet?

6. Think Long-Term Functionality
Ask about durability, cleaning requirements, and how flooring or tile will age over time.
- Waterproof vs. water-resistant: know the difference.
- Matte finishes are great at hiding dust and wear.
- Consider grout color and spacing for easy maintenance in bathrooms.

7. Set a Realistic Timeline
Fall is a great time to remodel before the holiday season.
- Let us help you map out the phases—selection, ordering, prep, and install.
- Plan around school schedules, travel, or guests to minimize disruption.

8. Book a Free Design Chat
We'll guide you through selections, help narrow down choices, and make the whole process feel less overwhelming.
No pressure. No design degree required.

Ready to take the first step? Schedule your free consultation: (847) 662-7900

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