

15 Questions to Ask When Interviewing a Bathroom Designer

Asking the right questions can make all the difference in choosing the right designer



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Introduction

Many times, people aren't sure where to start the process when considering a complete bathroom remodel. Often times, homeowners will start with a plumber, but plumbing is only one aspect of a full bathroom remodel. Unfortunately approaching it piece by piece (tradesman by tradesman), often ends up disjointed and frustrating. Based on this type of experience, it isn't hard to understand why the best place to start is with a full service design firm whom specializes in bathroom remodeling and handles everything start to finish. If it is a full bathroom remodel, there are sequential steps to take to ensure the smoothest run project possible. There many pieces to the puzzle that have to come together and the safest approach is to interview a firm or two and then hire the one that is the best fit for you and your remodeling needs.

In hiring a bathroom design firm; there is one hand (the designer) that will be orchestrating the renovation project from beginning to end. Your designer will start with creating the bathroom design and configuration that you have always dreamed of, then they will guide you through the selection process of all the new materials and finish by acting as your general contractor. This seamless and comprehensive approach eliminates the stress by taking the pressure off of the homeowner and puts it into the hands of the experts.





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When trying to find the right bathroom designer or firm to work with on your project, consider asking the following questions:

1. What does the average bathroom renovation cost and what does that include? (This way you will know if you are in the right place to align with your budgetary goals. It's a good idea to know the overall *rough* dimensions of your space and have pictures of your current bathroom for a more accurate ballpark).
2. How long have you been in business? How many of those years have you been remodeling bathrooms?
3. Do you come out to my house for a preliminary consultation? What does that cost and what does it include?
4. When do I get a copy of the design and elevations?
5. Are you full service or do I need to hire my own contractors?
6. If I want to buy my own materials will you install them? How does this process work?
7. Will you act as the general contractor and run the entire job from start to finish? If so, what is included?
8. How long will the project take from start to finish? How soon will you start after a deposit is received?
9. How long have your crews been working with you? Does each crew have a designated supervisor that also works on the job?
10. Do you, as the bathroom designer, visit the jobsite once the project begins and continue through its duration?
11. How are the payments structured?
12. Can we see pictures of your work or visit homes of previous clients?

13. Do you have references and/or testimonials?
14. What items or materials should I consider incorporating into my bathroom that will also help with resale?
15. Do you help with material selections and finishes?

Conclusion

These are some basic questions that will get you started when trying to determine who you would like to partner with on your project. You will want a designer with a great track record and one that you feel comfortable interacting with. This area of your home is too important and too expensive to not be matched up with an expert and someone that makes you feel good about what's ahead.

Most of us are very busy with life, working and/or hauling our kids to ten different places at ten different times. Having a full service bathroom designer/firm can really make all the difference, taking the pressure off and minimizing mistakes. Relying on experts can be invaluable when it comes to juggling all the details.

Details that include:

- ordering all of the correct materials
- coordinating the deliveries of those materials
- scheduling all of the trades and workers
- overseeing and inspecting the work progress
- taking care of the any "surprises" that arise during a project
- and much more

Getting these 15 questions answered will help you find the firm that is the right fit for you and have you on your way to getting the bathroom you've always wanted.

About Us

[Kitchens & Baths Unlimited](#) is a full service kitchen and bath remodeling firm of over 30 years, doing business predominantly in the North Shore and Chicagoland areas.

We hope that you found this information helpful. If you would like to get started designing the bathroom of your dreams, click the button below and one of our designers will help you get started.

If you would like to set up a free consultation to see if Kitchens & Baths Unlimited is the right fit for you, click the button below or you can call us at 847-729-1212 and ask for Ron or Kelly.

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