

UPGRADED REMODELING | HOMEOWNER GUIDE

# The Austin Homeowner's Contractor Conversation Kit

A straightforward framework for choosing the right remodel partner

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Compare remodel partners on communication, process, scope, and accountability — not price alone.

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A note from Upgraded Remodeling

This original planning guide is designed to help you have a clearer remodeling conversation. It is general planning information, not a construction contract, code interpretation, or financial advice. Requirements and conditions vary by home and jurisdiction; confirm the details of your project with the appropriate professionals before finalizing your scope.

## 0.1 Begin with the right comparison

A remodeling proposal should reflect more than a final number. It should make the scope understandable, identify assumptions, explain who is accountable, and show how decisions will be managed once work begins.

When comparing firms, ask each team to describe its process in the same categories: design, pre-construction, estimating, scheduling, trade coordination, communication, and closeout.

## 0.2 Essential questions to ask

Who will be my primary point of contact during design and construction?

How is the scope documented before the project starts?

How are allowances, selections, and changes handled?

Who coordinates trade partners, site protection, and quality checks?

How will schedule updates and potential delays be communicated?

What does the final walkthrough and warranty process look like?

## 0.3 What a clear proposal should help you understand

The work included, work not included, and decisions that remain open.

The quality level assumed for cabinets, tile, plumbing fixtures, lighting, and other finish categories.

The project sequence and the conditions that may change the schedule.

The method for approving changes before extra work is performed.

## 0.4 Common signs to slow down and ask more

A proposal that is dramatically lower than comparable scopes without a clear explanation.

No documented process for selections, changes, or project communication.

Pressure to commit before the scope, investment range, or responsibilities are understood.

Vague answers to questions about who manages the site and how quality is reviewed.

## 0.5 Use the comparison scorecard

After each consultation, rate the team from one to five in these categories: understanding of your goals, clarity of scope, communication style, design capability, construction process, and confidence in the project lead.

The best fit is the partner that makes the path forward feel clear, not merely the one who provides the quickest price.

**Ready to discuss your remodel?**

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