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The Hill Country Home Addition Readiness Guide

Know the right questions before expanding your Austin-area home

A thoughtful starting point for additions, ADUs, expanded living spaces, and major reconfigurations.

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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 Clarify why you need more space

Describe the outcome before selecting a solution. You may need a better primary suite, a home office, a multigenerational space, an entertaining area, a larger kitchen, or a dedicated guest suite.

Then ask whether the goal is best achieved by an addition, an attic or garage conversion, an accessory dwelling unit, or a strategic interior reconfiguration.

0.2 Look at the home and site together

An addition must work with your existing rooflines, foundation, drainage, utility connections, and architectural character. The lot, setbacks, trees, neighborhood requirements, and the relevant jurisdiction can all affect feasibility.

Start with a site and home evaluation before assuming a particular footprint or second-story addition is possible.

0.3 Understand the planning sequence

A well-run addition follows a coordinated path: discovery, conceptual design, feasibility review, scope development, selections, pricing, approvals as required, construction, and final completion.

Early planning prevents the most expensive changes from being discovered after construction starts.

0.4 Budget beyond the room itself

The investment covers more than new walls and finishes. It may include structural work, exterior integration, electrical and plumbing extensions, HVAC considerations, design work, engineering or approvals where applicable, and updates needed to connect old and new spaces gracefully.

Ask your project team to show the assumptions behind the proposed investment range so you can prioritize with confidence.

0.5 Bring these items to your first meeting

Photos of the home and site, a simple list of rooms and functions you want to add, inspiration images, an approximate investment range, and any surveys, plans, or neighborhood documents you already have.

Upgraded Remodeling can help you evaluate the opportunity and build a cohesive design-build plan for a custom project.

Ready to discuss your remodel?

Upgraded Remodeling is an Austin-area design-build team for kitchen remodels, bathroom renovations, whole-home transformations, and custom projects. Schedule a free consultation at upgradedremodeling.com/contact-us/ or call 512-799-7950.

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