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## Project Descriptions

### **BATHROOM ADDITION—MIDRANGE**

Add 6x8-foot bathroom over crawlspace with poured concrete walls. Use cultured-stone vanity top with molded sink; standard chrome faucets; 30x60-inch white fiberglass tub/shower with ceramic tile surround; single-lever temperature and pressure-balanced faucet; white low-profile toilet; general and spot lighting; electrical wiring to code; mirrored medicine cabinet; linen storage closet or cabinet; painted trim; ceramic tile floor; finish with painted walls, trim, and ceiling.

### **BATHROOM ADDITION—UPSCALE**

Add new 100-square-foot master bath to existing master bedroom over crawlspace. Include 42x42-inch neo-angle shower with ceramic tile walls, accent strip, recessed shower caddy, body-spray fixtures, and frameless glass enclosure. Put in freestanding soaker tub with high-end faucets; stone countertop with two sinks; two mirrored medicine cabinets with lighting; a compartmentalized commode area with one-piece toilet; and a humidistat-controlled exhaust fan. Use larger matching ceramic tiles on the floor, laid on diagonal with ceramic tile base molding. Add general and spot lighting and waterproof shower fixture. Cabinetry has custom drawer base, wall cabinets. Extend HVAC. Electric in-floor heating.

### **BATH REMODEL—MIDRANGE**

Update existing 5x7-foot bathroom. Replace all fixtures to include 30x60-inch porcelain-on-steel tub with 4x4-inch ceramic tile surround; new single-lever temperature and pressure-balanced shower control; standard white toilet; solid-surface vanity counter with integral sink; recessed medicine cabinet with light; ceramic tile floor; vinyl wallpaper.

### **BATH REMODEL—UPSCALE**

Expand existing 35-square-foot bathroom to 100 sf within existing house footprint. Relocate all fixtures. Include 42x42-inch neo-angle shower with ceramic tile walls with accent strip, recessed shower caddy, body-spray fixtures, and frameless glass enclosure. Include freestanding soaker tub with high-end faucets; stone countertop with two sinks; two mirrored medicine cabinets with lighting; a compartmentalized commode area with one-piece toilet; and a humidistat-controlled exhaust fan. Use all color fixtures. Use larger matching ceramic tiles on the floor, laid on diagonal with ceramic tile base molding. Add general and spot lighting including waterproof shower fixture. Cabinetry has custom drawer base, wall cabinets. Extend HVAC. Electric in-floor heating.

### **UNIVERSAL DESIGN BATH REMODEL**

Update existing 5x7-foot space to be wheelchair-accessible (zero-threshold, 36-inch-wide door) and install flat-panel electrical switches at sitting level (36 to 42 inches above floor). Replace toilet with comfort height fixture featuring elongated bowl and bidet-type seat. Remove existing bathtub and install curbless, tiled, walk-in shower with adjustable showerhead, fold-out seat, thermostatic mixing valve, and bi-directional glass door. Replace flooring with electric radiant heat beneath new luxury vinyl tile flooring. Install adaptive living vanity with easy-grasp handles and adjustable mirror. Install LED lights, infrared ceiling light, night light, and ultra-quiet vent fan with humidity-sensing controls. Install ceramic tiles on walls with two contrasting color stripes. Install nine towel bars that can support 250 pounds and reconfigure storage to be accessible from a seated position.

### **MINOR KITCHEN REMODEL—MIDRANGE**

In functional but dated 200-square-foot kitchen with 30 linear feet of cabinetry and countertops, leave cabinet boxes in place but replace fronts with new shaker-style wood panels and drawer fronts, including new hardware. Replace cooktop/oven range and slide-in refrigerator with new energy-efficient models. Replace laminate countertops; install midpriced sink and faucet. Add new resilient flooring. Finish with painted walls, trim, and ceiling.

### **MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL—MIDRANGE**

Update outmoded 200-square-foot kitchen with functional layout of 30 linear feet of semi-custom wood cabinets, including 3x5-foot island; laminate countertops; and standard double-tub stainless-steel sink with standard single-lever faucet. Include energy-efficient range, vented range hood, built-in microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and custom lighting. Add new resilient flooring. Finish with painted walls, trim, and ceiling.

### **MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL—UPSCALE**

Update outmoded 200-square-foot kitchen with 30 linear feet of top-of-the-line custom white cabinets with built-in sliding shelves and other interior accessories. Include stone countertops with imported ceramic- or glass-tile backsplash; built-in refrigerator, commercial-grade cooktop and vent hood, wall oven, and built-in microwave unit. Install high-end undermount sink with designer faucets and water filtration system. Add new general and task lighting, including low-voltage undercabinet lights. Install tile or similar flooring that looks like wood.

### **MASTER SUITE ADDITION—MIDRANGE**

Add 24x16-foot master bedroom suite over crawlspace. Include walk-in closet/dressing area, freestanding soaker tub, separate

3x4-foot ceramic tile shower, and double-bowl vanity with solid-surface countertop. Carpet the bedroom floor; put tile in bath. Paint walls, ceiling, and trim. Install general and spot lighting, exhaust fan.

## **MASTER SUITE ADDITION—UPSCALE**

Add 32x20-foot master bedroom suite over crawlspace. Add spacious sleeping area with lounging/sitting area adjacent to large master bath. Include custom bookcases and built-in storage with millwork details; high-end gas fireplace with stone hearth and custom mantel; and walk-in closet/dressing area with natural light, mirrors, and linen storage. Add French doors. Bathroom includes walk-in shower with dual-shower system, stone walls and floor, and custom frameless glass enclosure. Add freestanding soaker tub. Include two sinks in separate custom vanities with stone countertops and large mirrors. Create partitioned area for luxury one-piece toilet. Outside the bath, add 5-foot-long hospitality center with bar sink, undercounter refrigerator, custom cabinetry, stone countertop, and microwave. Include soundproofing, in-floor heating, custom wall finishes and hardware, general and spot lighting, and high-end lighting controls.

## **DECK ADDITION—COMPOSITE**

Add 16x20-foot deck using pressure-treated joists supported by 4x4-inch posts anchored to concrete piers. Install composite deck material in a simple linear pattern. Include built-in bench and planter of the same decking material. Include stairs, assuming three steps to grade. Provide a complete railing using a matching system made of the same composite as the decking material.

## **DECK ADDITION—WOOD**

Add 16x20-foot deck using pressure-treated joists supported by 4x4-inch posts anchored to concrete piers. Install pressure-treated deck boards in a simple linear pattern. Include built-in bench and planter of the

same decking material. Include stairs, assuming three steps to grade. Provide a complete railing system using pressure-treated wood posts, railings, and balusters.

## **ENTRY DOOR REPLACEMENT—STEEL**

Remove existing 3-0/6-8 entry door and jambs and replace with new 20-gauge steel unit, including a clear, dual-pane half-glass panel, jambs, and aluminum threshold with composite stop. Door is factory finished with same color both sides. Exterior brick-mold and 2.5-inch interior colonial or ranch casings in poplar or equal prefinished to match door color. Replace existing lockset.

## **GRAND ENTRANCE—FIBERGLASS**

Remove existing 3-0/6-8 entry door and cut and reframe opening for a 12-36-12 entrance door with dual sidelights. Move double-gang electrical box with two switches. Fiberglass door blank matches upscale entry, including color, threshold, lockset, and decorative half-glass; sidelights match door. PVC-wrapped exterior trim in color to match existing trim; wider interior colonial or ranch casings (3.5-inch to cover new jack studs) in hardwood stained to match door. All work to be completed in one day.

## **GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT**

Remove and dispose of existing 16x7-foot garage door and tracks. Install new four-section garage door on new heavy-duty galvanized steel tracks; reuse existing motorized opener. New door has a lifetime warranty, and is made with high-tensile-strength steel with two coats of factory-applied paint, is foam insulated to minimum R-12, and includes thermal seals between pinch-resistant panels. Windows in top panel are ½-inch insulated glass. Hardware includes galvanized steel hinges and ball-bearing urethane rollers.

## **MANUFACTURED STONE VENEER**

Remove 300-square-foot continuous band of

existing vinyl siding from bottom third of street-facing façade. Replace with adhered manufactured stone veneer, including 36 linear feet (LF) of sills, 40 LF of corners, and one address block. Installation includes two separate layers of water-resistive barrier laid over bare sheathing, corrosion-resistant lath and fasteners, and nominal ½-inch-thick mortar scratch coat and setting bed. Outline entry archway; use an 8x10-inch keystone and a soldier course of flats on either side.

## **SIDING REPLACEMENT—FIBER CEMENT**

Replace 1,250 square feet of existing siding with new fiber-cement siding, factory primed and factory painted, and installed to manufacturer's specifications. Include factory trim at all openings and corners.

## **SIDING REPLACEMENT—VINYL**

Replace 1,250 square feet of existing siding with new vinyl siding installed to manufacturer's specifications. Include factory trim at all openings and corners.

## **WINDOW REPLACEMENT—VINYL**

Replace 10 existing 3x5-foot double-hung windows with insulated, low-E, simulated-divided-light vinyl windows with a custom-color exterior finish. Trim exterior to match existing; do not disturb existing interior trim.

## **WINDOW REPLACEMENT—WOOD**

Replace 10 existing 3x5-foot double-hung windows with insulated, low-E, simulated-divided-light wood windows. Interior finish of stained hardwood; exterior finish of custom-color aluminum cladding. Trim exterior to match existing; do not disturb existing interior trim.

## **ROOFING REPLACEMENT— ASPHALT SHINGLES**

Remove and dispose of existing roofing to bare wood sheathing. Install 30 squares of min. 235-lb. fiberglass asphalt

shingles (min. 25-year warranty) with new 30-lb. felt (or equivalent synthetic) underlayment, galvanized drip edge, and mill-finish aluminum flashing. Assume a rectangular hip roof; custom flashing at two average-size skylights; and custom cap treatment at vented ridge.

### ROOFING REPLACEMENT—METAL

Remove and dispose of existing roofing to bare wood sheathing. Install ice-barrier membrane at roof perimeter, and premium-grade synthetic underlayment over roof. Install 3,000 square feet of prefinished, standing-seam metal roofing with matching pre-formed accessories, including drip edge, gable trim, and vented ridge flashing. Assume a rectangular hip roof; custom flashing at two average-size skylights; custom cap treatment at vented ridge.

### HVAC CONVERSION—ELECTRIFICATION

Convert from fossil-fuel-burning furnace to electric heat pump for heating and cooling 2,000-square-foot home. Remove and dispose of existing furnace. Remove and recycle and dispose of existing metal ductwork from basement, crawlspace, or attic. (Project assumes that no asbestos exists on furnace or existing ductwork.) Remove grilles and patch drywall; touch up paint on ceiling and wall areas to cover over 10 existing supply ducts and two return ducts (existing ducts abandoned inside walls and ceilings). Install new double-pole, 40-amp breaker in service panel. Run new, 230/208V, 1-phase, 60 Hz wire (UF 6/2 with ground) from service panel to disconnect box within line of sight of new heat pump outdoor coil. Install new 60-foot UF-B 6/2 running underground from outdoor unit to disconnect box. Install new 48,000-Btu inverter-type heat pump. Install five line sets (average 70 feet each) and five indoor wall units (two 9,000-Btu units in bedroom, one 6,000-Btu unit in smaller bedroom, and two 12,000-Btu units in main living areas).

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PROJECT TYPE	DALLAS			WEST SOUTH CENTRAL			2022 NATIONAL AVERAGES		
	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped
Bathroom Addition   Midrange	\$ 58,516	\$ 16,646	28.4%	\$ 55,518	\$ 16,014	28.8%	\$ 57,090	\$ 17,237	30.2%
Bathroom Addition   Upscale	105,889	26,756	25.3%	101,370	26,843	26.5%	104,733	27,830	26.6%
Bath Remodel   Midrange	24,642	16,228	65.9%	23,670	16,084	68.0%	24,606	16,413	66.7%
Bath Remodel   Upscale	76,392	27,151	35.5%	74,173	25,693	34.6%	76,827	28,203	36.7%
Bath Remodel   Universal Design	38,425	18,774	48.9%	37,300	16,110	43.2%	39,710	18,270	46.0%
Minor Kitchen Remodel   Midrange	26,522	21,152	79.8%	26,322	21,096	80.1%	26,790	22,963	85.7%
Major Kitchen Remodel   Midrange	78,221	30,192	38.6%	77,169	29,101	37.7%	77,939	32,574	41.8%
Major Kitchen Remodel   Upscale	154,338	44,068	28.6%	151,612	42,853	28.3%	154,483	48,913	31.7%
Master Suite Addition   Midrange	163,145	46,987	28.8%	154,894	42,738	27.6%	157,855	47,343	30.0%
Master Suite Addition   Upscale	330,941	73,190	22.1%	315,601	67,787	21.5%	325,504	73,875	22.7%
Deck Addition   Composite	23,516	8,497	36.1%	22,827	8,495	37.2%	23,430	9,325	39.8%
Deck Addition   Wood	16,673	7,732	46.4%	15,809	7,817	49.4%	17,051	8,553	50.2%
Entry Door Replacement   Steel	3,632	1,862	51.3%	3,592	1,720	47.9%	2,214	2,235	100.9%
Grand Entrance   Fiberglass	11,084	4,800	87.9%	10,791	4,821	44.7%	10,823	5,457	50.4%
Garage Door Replacement	4,500	3,570	79.3%	4,451	3,773	84.8%	4,302	4,418	102.7%
Window Replacement   Vinyl	19,630	13,003	66.2%	19,532	13,964	71.5%	20,091	13,766	68.5%
Window Replacement   Wood	24,015	14,067	58.6%	23,919	14,527	60.7%	24,376	14,912	61.2%
Siding Replacement   Fiber-Cement	18,861	18,249	96.8%	17,896	17,466	97.6%	19,361	17,129	88.5%
Siding Replacement   Vinyl	15,768	14,708	93.3%	15,869	15,592	98.3%	16,348	15,485	94.7%
Manufactured Stone Veneer	10,286	10,751	104.5%	10,419	10,649	102.2%	10,925	11,177	102.3%
Roofing Replacement   Asphalt Shingles	27,309	15,222	63.5%	26,942	15,800	58.6%	29,136	17,807	61.1%
Roofing Replacement   Metal	45,045	21,708	48.2%	43,906	22,074	50.3%	47,414	23,163	48.9%
HVAC Conversion   Electrification	17,353	20,824	120.0%	17,648	18,197	103.1%	17,747	18,366	103.5%

# Must-Ask Questions

Now that you have the most local and current information on cost averages for a renovation, talk to renovation firms or contractors with these important questions in mind. Ensure that each professional you consider can answer these questions.

List out any questions you'd like to ask us.

- How can I make sure my remodeling project is finished on time and on budget?
- What is a design/build remodeling company and what are the advantages versus using a general contractor?
- What's different between interior designers and interior decorators?
- May I have a list of references for projects you've completed which are similar to mine?
- What types of insurance do you carry? Why is each important to me?
- Are you a member of a national trade association?
- How do you keep up with building technologies, trends, etc.?
- Does every remodeling job need a permit?
- Who will take care of whatever permits are needed?
- What area should I plan to invest the most in for my remodel?
- Do you provide clean-up and debris removal during and after finishing a remodeling job?
- Where are the dumpster and port-a-potty placed?
- How do you pay people who work for you? Can we speak to someone that works for you to get their opinion on working for your company?

## Didn't-Think-To-Ask Questions

- Have you or your team members been certified in remodeling or interior design, or had any special training or education, such as earning a Certified Remodeler (CR) or CGR, or RID, NCIDQ, or CAPS?
- Do you have a contract with all the subcontractors that you work with and require them to sign lien waivers for all payments received?
- How and where can I see the results of actual clients from previous projects?
- What is your warranty guarantee?
- How do I receive care and maintenance instructions at the end of my project? Do I get before, during and after pictures of my project?
- Are you a Lead Certified Renovator from the EPA (as required by law) with staff that are certified also? (This is very important for homes built prior to 1978.)