

# 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- Are your bathrooms outdated or hard to clean?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) 475-1190**

