

A **Project Manager** is a professional in the field of management. **Project Managers** have the responsibility of the planning, procurement and execution of a **project**.

If you are considering renovating, remodeling or redesigning your bathroom or kitchen you may want to consider hiring a company that provides a Project Management System. This system is the platform used to juggle the many aspects of the project that will lead to a successful and controlled result.

Proper project management starts at the beginning of the process. Process and management are like hand and glove, peanut butter and jelly; one needs the other to make it work properly. Process consists of design and planning, selection of materials, production of construction documents, permits, construction, change order requests, attention to the budget and completing the work. Project management follows the process, schedules the tasks, communicates the issues to all parties and has a watchful eye over the entire project and intercepts, as needed, to resolve concerns.

## **Here are the 5 specific reasons why you need a Project Manager for your next home improvement project:**

### **1. Clearer Vision: Design in Mind**

Creating the new space; how do I know what it will look like? A Project Manager is there to help, to be your renovation eyes and ears. As your advocate the Project Manager, along with the designer, can help define and clarify your project vision. Sometimes, if you are not used to reading plans, elevations, perspectives the PM/Designer can talk you through the 2-D portion of the process. Once the design of the space is settled all the project management are put into motion. The PM needs to understand the vision that he/she will be managing.

### **2. Control the Project: Don't Flail**

A Project Manager can come in many forms. An architect, designer or construction manager are all examples of professionals that can act as a Project Manager. A Project Manager is different than a General Contractor in that a Project Manager will direct and coordinate a team of carefully vetted professionals to construct and install a project. The Manager will coordinate schedules, paperwork, permits, estimates and any other planning issues. They will also pay the vendors and contractors directly. The Project Manager acts as an advocate for the homeowner. A General Contractor in comparison, may

perform these duties, but not necessarily, so it is important to discuss who carries what responsibilities upfront.

### **3. Strict Attention to Schedules and Deadlines: Create a Calendar**

One of the greatest benefits of having a Project Manager, is the assurance that the project will stay on schedule. Having a Project Manager will insure that your renovation will actually have a start and finish date. The Project Manager is responsible for scheduling all of the sub-contractors and keeping the project moving forward, and not stalling due to mismanaged coordination. They will also help when unexpected problems arise, always thinking about the goal: the end product with the best results, and all the while maintaining a workable schedule.

### **4. Consistently Higher Quality Standards**

Another great advantage to hiring a Project Manager is ensuring that you have a project that is managed with high standards. A good Project Manager will set the quality of job site standard, provide oversight of the trades and make sure that the work is done to those expectations and to communicate with the homeowner. It is important that the homeowner feels content with the work being done. A construction job can be a messy place, and part of a Project Manager's responsibility is to insure that your home is livable. Precautions are made every day to make the project as comfortable and as stress free as possible for the homeowner. Finally, a quality renovation provides the homeowner satisfaction with their new redesign and it will also ensure that the value of your home will increase.

### **5. Reduced Risk of Things Going Wrong**

With remodels there are many things that can go wrong and having a PM will help you avoid problems, guide the team through problematic situations and find the best resolution, when necessary. In remodeling, structural problems can be a hassle and meeting local building codes is a priority for the completion of any job. The PM should work this through. Materials can arrive on the job damaged; the PM should arrange for that resolution. Weather can greatly impact a construction schedule; the PM should rearrange the calendar quickly so the job can get back on track. With a project manager you can rest assured that these problems will be dealt with from the very beginning and not during a scramble at the end.

At Kitchen Elements, we take an approach that brings creative design and good construction practices and the notion that project management is an integral part of the

entire project. My architectural design and space planning background along with my on the job experience has taught me that successful projects don't happen by accident; they are the result of hiring a professional with experience, expertise and most importantly a systematic approach to juggling the many details that contribute to a flawless result.

That's why I implemented my ***Partners in Design System*** so that I am able to provide the three elements I believe are necessary to achieve the desired result:

When I work on your home improvement project I commit to:

1. **Collaborate** with you to understand your vision
2. **Create** the project to holistically integrate your vision into the character of their home
3. **Construct** a creative, finished project by using the highest quality contractors and vendors who are also committed to delivering projects of distinction and elegance.

What makes us different than other home improvement contractors?

In addition to our systematized approach to your project, I commit to provide you with personal care and service every step of the way so that together we create an enjoyable and fun experience as well as a project completed in a timely manner and within budget.

This painstaking process has resulted in many delighted clients who continue to sing the praises of my work and Kitchen Elements because in the end it's the Elements that determine the success of a project.