



5 Steps to Find the Perfect Contractor For Your Home Project



1. Create Your Project

Making a list of the types of repairs and upgrades you need will make it easier to identify the right type of home improvement contractor for your project. Clearly define your goals, like updating your kitchen, fixing a plumbing leak, or replacing your roof. This way you can communicate a clear picture of your expectations to your contractor.



2. Do Your Research

We encourage homeowners to gather as much information as possible before hiring a home improvement contractor. Look into contractors' online reputations, licensing and insurance, testimonials, reviews, years in business, and anything else you can dig up. Searches through social media or community groups can also be helpful to find previous clients or get trusted recommendations.

HomePro Match Tip: A picture is worth a thousand words, especially when it comes to finding the perfect home improvement contractor. Photo galleries, before and afters, and case studies are key assets to get a better idea of your contractor's previous work.



3. Be Mindful of Response Time

Your initial interaction with a contractor is a good indicator of how the rest of the project will turn out. If they take weeks to return your call, produce your estimate, or provide proof of insurance, you're better off looking for another contractor.

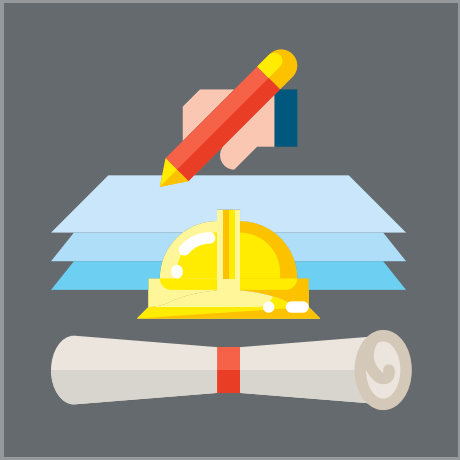
HomePro Match Tip: Don't be afraid to speak to contractors on the phone in the hiring stages. Speaking with someone will give you a better idea of their attitude, level of professionalism, and help to determine if they're a good fit for your project.



4. Compare Multiple Bids or Estimates

Once you've started accepting bids for your home improvement project, be sure to consider all your options. Ensuring that all bids are for the same project and require the same time frame and materials will make it easier to compare them.

HomePro Match Tip: Remember that the lowest price may not always be the best choice. Factor in what you learned during the research stage, and don't be afraid to ask questions.



5. Get the Quote in Writing

Every project should have a contract that includes the terms, costs, and proposed schedule for the work. Any materials your contractor plans to purchase should also be itemized in writing, complete with specific brand names and the amount needed for each item. Contracts will protect you if you need them to, and help you deal with any disputes in a timely manner.



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