

CHOOSE YOUR DUDE

6 TIPS FOR SELECTING A TRUSTWORTHY GENERAL CONTRACTOR

The contractor you hire directly impacts your remodel experience, yet many people spend more time choosing the perfect produce at the farmer's market than selecting the right person for the job. This guide breaks down the process of interviewing and vetting contractors, using recommendations from friends, family, and colleagues to help you find someone trustworthy with your home and money.



01 DID DUDE CALL YOU BACK?

If the dude is hard to reach as you're actively trying to give him your money, how well do you think he'll respond during the project when he already has your money?

02 WAS HE CREEPY OR COOL?

If for any reason you are uncomfortable with the dude, say thanks but no thanks. Trusting your gut is a total THING.

03 DID DUDE ACTIVELY LISTEN?

If you're being talked at rather than listened to during the initial meeting with the dude, it's time to move on down the line of referrals.

04 IS DUDE LICENSED AND LEGIT?

Each state has a licensing agency that is searchable online for the current status of your dude to ensure proper education and adherence to local building codes. You'll also want to request a copy of the dude's current insurance policy to keep all parties safe during the project.

05 WHO'S THE BOSS?

Often the slick, logosportin' dude who showed up for the meeting is not the one who will be on site daily doing the work. Find out who will be in your home regularly during the project, including subcontractors.

06 ARE THE SUBCONTRACTORS DEPENDABLE & RELIABLE?

A GC will likely not possess all trade skills, so "subbing out" the job for framing, plumbing, electrical and mechanical is customary. Ask about which subs will be on the job and how long they've been working with the dude's company.

WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!

You've made it through the flow chart of "dude-choosing" and are ready to partner up with your successfully-vetted dude to tackle your remodel project!