



May is National Remodeling Month - The weekend warrior; is this for you?

Almost every day, a potential client will call our company to tell a story about some project or another that began as a do-it-yourself (DIY) project and has now become this “thing” that they aren’t sure what to do about and how to get it finished. I have heard many stories from clients relating the kitchen or bathroom remodel that started ages ago and just needs to be finished before their spouse completely loses patience with them. Somehow the project that seemed doable in their spare time grew, became more complex, and before they knew it, the headache outweighed the financial savings of hiring a professional to come take care of it.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, homeowner do-it-yourself (DIY) projects account for 20 percent of all home remodeling performed nationwide. Americans spend over \$200 billion per year on home improvement and remodeling.

Shirey Handyman Service appreciates the knowledge and homework our clients put into many of their projects. We would like to remind you that we are a resource for whatever type of help you need be it full service “*just take care of it*” all the way to the “*I just need a skilled hand and I’ll supply the materials*”.

Advice for Do-it-Yourselfers

There are some home projects that professional remodelers believe can be tackled by determined DIYers (depending on skill level) such as hanging pictures, interior painting, caulking, changing door knobs and cabinet pulls, and some aesthetic work such as installing crown molding.

If you are willing to put the time and energy into a do-it-yourself home remodel, be sure to follow these simple tips:

- Follow product directions. Read everything that comes with the product and take it seriously.
- Get a detailed, illustrated home repair and maintenance book.
- Measure twice and cut once.
- Purchase quality materials. You do get what you pay for.
- Conduct careful and thorough preparation. Set everything up and protect surrounding surfaces and furniture.
- Practice with the tools.
- Follow safety procedures and use proper safety equipment.

Remember, DIY projects should be fun and suit your skill level. If they’re not, then consider hiring a professional such as Shirey Handyman Service to give you the help you need.

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