

HOME & DECOR

# RENOVATE

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THINGS TO  
DO BEFORE  
RENOVATING

*Don't forget the details*

INTERVIEWS  
WITH THE  
EXPERTS

## SPLIT SECOND

*A split-level home with a lush, boutique feel*



gains in terms of energy efficiency and save you a pretty penny in the long run.

## 8. INITIAL RESEARCH

Take a gander around the relevant property sites online for listings of homes around your area that have seen major renovations or refurbishment to gauge the average market rate. The primary reason for the major renovation to your home should be for you and your family's personal comforts, but it does not hurt to understand what beneficial or detrimental impact it could have on your house's present and future market value. It also helps you to improve the scale and scope of the project so you do not over-reno-vate.

## 9. PICKING CONTRACTORS

Look up renovators and home remodelers. This can be daunting if you are new to renovation and do not have any existing references. The chances of hiring an under qualified contractor could be a significant risk. Search for lists of recommended contractors on relevant portals and dive deeper by visiting their individual websites. Read testimonials and reviews from other homeowners and take examples of their work and compare. Shortlist at least five of the best ones you can find.

## 10. COMPARE CONTRACTORS

When getting bids from potential contractors, it is tempting to go with the lowest bidder but be wary and ask for detailed proposals that cover the entirety of the project. Certain contractors may be cheaper, but they are only able to offer the bargain basement price by using cheaper materials which might not bode well in the long term. You might end up paying more for repairs and maintenance post-renovation. The rule of thumb is to get complete proposals from both high and low end contractors and compare them both in detail to get a happy middle.

## On Kitchen Renovations



Signature Kitchen - Arte

For more information, visit [www.signaturekitchen.com.my](http://www.signaturekitchen.com.my) or call 1800-88-0009



Signature Kitchen - Matera



Signature Kitchen - Virginia Walnut



Signature Wardrobe Swing Door - Super Matt with Magic Glass

Kitchen renovations can be tricky, as there are numerous elements to consider from the plumbing right up to the backsplash. It is absolutely paramount that you get a qualified and well received contractor to go about the job.

Signature Kitchen, with more than 23 years of experience and trusted quality is a worthy candidate for consideration. The brand leads the way with trendy kitchen concepts and designs that cater to individuals looking for a kitchen space that matches their personality and lifestyles. On top of having your

kitchen designed bespoke to your lifestyle and specifications, Signature Kitchen customers are also automatically enrolled as Signature Privilege members, which entitles them to exclusive event invitations and benefits from various partners including partners for home and living solutions, health and beauty services, as well as many food and lifestyle focused merchants.

Check out their ARTE collection, a modern classic highlighted by high gloss surfaces and complemented by the artistic veins of the white marble quartz. It is an

elegant fusion of absolute style and functionality.

For a fresh twist on the minimalist kitchen design, look to The Virginia Walnut collection distinguished by earthly tones of wood with graceful horizontal grains, contrasted by the glossy finishing of glass surfaces. It is the epitome of subtle luxury.

To those who want a more modern and contemporary makeover, the Matera is an appealing pick. With its metallic effect and handle-less aesthetics combined with sleek lines and open shelves, the Matera a unique collection to consider.