



## Five Home Improvement Projects That Will Last For Years

*From renovating your kitchen to upgrading your floors, these are the home improvement projects that are worth the investment.*

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When spending the time and money to renovate your home, it's important to ask, "Will these renovations be worth it?" Home renovations are usually a very time-consuming and expensive process. So, it's important to make sure that what you're doing will have a long-lasting effect on your home for years to come. Here are five long-lasting home improvement projects to take on.

### Update Your Kitchen

The kitchen is typically the centerpiece of the home. It's the number one place that your family

gathers in and it's also the number one thing buyers look for.

Your typical outdated kitchen is usually small, dark and cramped. By renovating your kitchen, you have to opportunity to open up this space, allowing for the always appealing “open concept” layout.

“The main benefit of remodeling any area is an increased resale value,” explained Ariel Darmoni, operations manager at [123 Remodeling](#). “Some trends, like white shaker cabinets or subway tile, have real staying power for the next five years at least. Quartz and granite counters are a good investment because they'll hold up better and be more appealing to future buyers.”

If you don't have the budget to completely remodel your kitchen, you could always update your appliances. Modern kitchen appliances are also a long-lasting element to this renovation project. By updating those you will keep your kitchen running smoothly for years to come.

### Install Hardwood Floors (Or Refinish Your Old Ones)

Hardwood flooring is the most noticeable improvement that you can make to your home. They always make a home look more spacious and sleek, and they're also the first thing buyers and visitors will notice when stepping foot into your home.

“Wood flooring is the canvas for design development in every home. Surveyed real estate professionals continually agree that a home with wood flooring is more desirable to their clients and more valuable to the seller,” explained Sean Stewart, managing partner of [Divine Flooring](#).

Along with making your home look nicer, hardwood floors are also sturdy, easy to clean and long-lasting. “Wood flooring is naturally environmentally correct, requires less energy to produce compared to other surfaces and lasts for multiple generations,” added Stewart.

With those benefits, it's easy to see why the majority of homeowners prefer it over carpeting and tile.

### Install New Windows

Old windows can cause awful drafts and can make it difficult for you and your family to maintain a comfortable temperature in your home.

“Replacing windows can be a great cost-saving measure, said Darmoni. “If your heating bill is getting extreme, you should consider some new windows with better insulation, especially going into the winter months.”

By installing new windows, you can guarantee an easier time maintaining the temperature of your home. Also, installing new windows in rooms with little to no lighting can help brighten the room and make it seem bigger and more spacious.

## Update Your Bathrooms

If there's a matching pink toilet and pedestal sink in your bathroom, it's time to update. Modern bathrooms are typically white, bright and airy complete with sleek chrome finishes. These design elements help turn your bathroom into a sleek, clean escape.

Even though it may be one of the smaller rooms in your house, updating a bathroom can be expensive due to the cost of plumbing, bathtubs, toilets, sinks and finishes.

## Convert Your Attic to Livable Space

As technology allows us to live with less, more people are decluttering their homes and taking on the minimal lifestyle. This allows you to convert old spaces in your home that were once meant for storage into something new and livable.

Converting your attic is beneficial in the long term because it adds a new space to your home that wasn't usable in your day to day life. Now, you could use that space for an office or a game room or even an extra bedroom.