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## ACL INNOVATIONS

### ***The Smart Remodel Starter Kit (Mini Edition)***

A clear way to plan a kitchen, bathroom, or basement remodel without getting burned by delays, change orders, or contractor chaos.

#### **What's inside:**

- The 5 mistakes that blow budgets and timelines**
  
- A “Remodel Readiness Score” (2 minutes)**
  
- The minimum plan you need before collecting bids**
  
- The exact next step to get the full kit + templates**

#### **FAST START**

If you’re planning a remodel in the next 3–6 months, this Mini Kit will help you avoid the biggest traps.

Want the full planner + templates?  
The final page shows how to upgrade instantly.

## Page 1 - REALITY CHECK: DON'T GET BURNED

### The 5 remodel mistakes that cost homeowners the most

#### 1) Bidding without a written scope

Invites loopholes, assumptions, and surprise add-ons.

#### 2) Choosing a contractor before selections are made

Creates delays and rushed decisions mid-project.

#### 3) No schedule sequence (trade order)

Leads to downtime, rework, and crews showing up out of order.

#### 4) Allowances everywhere

Your budget looks low — until it explodes.

#### 5) No one driving accountability

You become the project manager (texts, decisions, and headaches).

### KEY TAKEAWAY

If even one of these feels familiar, the **Full Starter Kit** gives you the **fill-in templates + checklists** that prevent it.

## Page 2 - REMODEL READINESS SCORE (2 MINUTES)

Check each item you can confidently say “YES” to. Total your score (0–10).

- I can clearly describe what's changing and why.
- I know my must-haves vs nice-to-haves.
- I have a target budget range (not a wish).
- I understand the likely timeline range.
- I know what decisions must be made before demo.
- I have at least 2 contractor options.
- I understand permit/inspection may apply.
- I understand allowances vs fixed pricing.
- I know who is ordering materials and when.
- I know who is coordinating trades + schedule.

### SCORE GUIDANCE

- **0–4:** Not ready — high risk of delays, surprises, and change orders
- **5–7:** Close — you need a plan + decision timeline before you sign anything
- **8–10:** Ready — now collect bids the smart way (apples-to-apples)

## Page 3 - THE SMART REMODEL MINIMUM PLAN

Do these 6 things before you collect bids.

### 1) Define scope

Rooms, boundaries, and what's included/excluded.

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### 2) Lock priorities

Must-haves, deal breakers, lifestyle needs.

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### 3) Create a decision timeline

What gets chosen, and when.

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### 4) Map trade sequence

Demo → rough-ins → inspections → finishes.

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### 5) Build a budget guardrail

Allowances + a contingency buffer.

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### 6) Collect bids against the same scope

So you can compare apples-to-apples.

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### Notes / plan:

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## Page 4 - WANT THE FULL SMART REMODEL STARTER KIT?

The Mini Kit gives you the roadmap.

The Full Kit gives you the fillable templates that help prevent budget creep, delays, and bid confusion — so you can hire the right contractor with confidence.

### THE FULL KIT INCLUDES:

- **Scope Builder (fill-in worksheet)**
- **Bid Comparison Scorecard**
- **Selection Timeline (what to pick before demo)**
- **Contractor Vetting Checklist**
- **Change Order Protection Checklist**
- **Weekly Progress Tracker**

**Subscribe & Get the Full Kit**