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Home Remodeling Basics: Carpentry Ebook

Everything you need to know about the basics of carpentry.

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INTRODUCTION

While remodeling or repairing aspects in your home, you will learn very fast that there are many different tools and skills you need to have to get it done. So what are these skills and tools? This is what we call carpentry. There are many different carpentry projects around your home. It may even get to the point where it is almost impossible to know them all.

At Valor Home Services, we are the experts in renovating, repairing and remodeling. In fact, we hand-selected and trained the current remodelers we have on our team. We always strive for not only the best but to provide you with a stress-free experience.

To make your life a little bit easier, we made this guide as a quick overview of everything you need to know about home carpentry.

This eBook will introduce you to the basics of home carpentry. It's nice to have a guide as well as inspiration to help you with all your carpentry needs. That's why we created this eBook to help you along the way.

WHAT IS HOME CARPENTRY?

You have probably heard the word carpentry over and over again, but do you really know what it means and what it encompasses? In this quick guide, we go over what carpentry is, who does carpentry work and what all it includes.

What is carpentry?

Merriam-Webster describes carpentry as the art or trade of a carpenter, who constructs woodwork to create or assemble an item. In other words, a person who can build, install, repair or assemble an item made or revolving around wood. In many instances, handymen have a carpentry background.

What are common carpentry projects around a house?

As you may know, there are a ton of carpentry projects around the house. Common projects you see many homeowners complete are making storage options like shelving units or drawers, furniture, like tables or home improvement items. Larger projects include but are not limited to flooring, cabinetry, interior and exterior door installation, deck or patio construction, fencing, wooden posts, railing, baseboards, trim work and stairs.

Should I do carpentry projects around my home or hire a professional?

If you are a handy individual who likes problem-solving, creating things and owns (or is willing to buy) the equipment needed, then we say go at it. However, if you are not very skilled, do not own the tools or do not have the time to get the project done, we suggest leaving it to a professional carpenter.

Where do I find or hire a carpenter?

If you live in Belleville, O'Fallon, Edwardsville or the surrounding areas, you do not have to look far for a top-notch carpentry team. Our skilled experts at Valor Home Services can help you. We can help you with small to medium carpentry projects. For bigger projects, like new home building, we will refer you out to a construction team. Other places for you to find a carpenter include Google search, social media, websites and referrals.

7 MOST COMMON HOME CARPENTRY PROJECTS

01

Door Installation

The first stop on our list is door installation. Interior and exterior door installation is one of the most common and sought-out carpentry projects homeowners are looking for. We have a partnership with Pella exterior doors

02

Window Installation

The next most common home carpentry project is window installation. Many homeowners are looking to update their windows, especially thanks to new technology and tinting abilities. We use Pella windows for our clients.

03

Deck Building and Repairs

Decks and patios are trending exterior features many homeowners desire. And who can blame them? Who doesn't like having a cool place to hang out after a hard's day of work.

04

Stairs and Ramps

A carpentry project that many people do not think about is stairs and ramps. In many cases, you need a carpenter to come out and help you build, install or repair one of these features, especially if you are building it for a disabled individual. Remember safety always comes first!



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05 Storage Units

Many homes do not have enough storage options, especially if you have a growing family. A common carpentry project to help you achieve that is by creating additional shelving units, drawers, racks and more

06 Furniture

That wooden table that you love dearly is the perfect example of a home carpentry project. Many handymen and woodworkers can help you achieve wood furniture

07 Small Projects

Lastly, we grouped all the smaller projects into our last slot. Any type of home improvement or decoration piece you make from wood counts as a home carpentry project.



HOW CARPENTRY CAN INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME

Did you know that a few carpentry projects around your home can increase its value? Don't believe us? Check out this guide on how it can.

Cabinetry

Outdated cabinets are out. Instead, home buyers are looking for properties that have updated cabinets and fixtures. You can update your cabinets by refinishing, repainting or replacing.

Decks

An exterior project that can easily increase the value of your home is building a deck. A \$14,000 deck can recoup you over 100% of resale value, making this carpentry project a cost-effective yet impactful home improvement.

Doors

Your interior and exterior doors play a role in your home's value. The front door is one of the first things people will see when they look at your home. Therefore, you want all your doors to have the most up-to-date features, including privacy, weatherproofing and more.

Storage

Storage

More and more property buyers are looking for homes that have additional storage spaces. Many older homes have limited storage options. That is why the value increases the more shelving units and closets you build.

Windows

An easy carpentry project that can increase the value of your home is repairing or replacing your windows. With today's market and advances in technology, there are new types of windows that have weatherproofing, tinting, UV protection and more compared to their older counterparts. By replacing all the windows in your home, you can increase not only the value but the curb appeal as well.





YOUR ULTIMATE **HOME CARPENTRY** PLANNING GUIDE

Are you thinking of repairing, installing or building things around your home? Do you have goals to remodel your home? If so, you need to make sure you have everything planned, prepped and ready to go. Many of these projects you want to complete fall under home carpentry. That is why we created this ultimate home carpentry planning guide.

Make a List of What Needs to be Done

Just like any project, you need to make a list of everything you need and want to be done around your home. Go into each room and make notes of any improvements, new additions or repairs you would like done. From that last, you can then create a schedule, a budget and the team that will help you.

Create a Budget

Before you get started, you need to create a budget. Repairs, installations and remodels can take a pretty decent chunk out of your wallet. And if you do not have a budget, you are most likely to overspend. Instead, keep your bank account happy by setting a set budget. From there, you can distribute your funds accordingly.

Look Up Inspiration Photos & Supplies

Any time you want to start a new project, we always suggest finding inspiration photos. This will help you find the right supplies as well as a great tool to show the team you are working with. Remember this is your vision, and you want it to stay as true as possible.

Call the Right Team

With any home carpentry project, you are going to want to make sure you have the right team. You want a team that is not only knowledgeable but dependable, trustworthy, communicative and honest as well. The best way to find the right team is to shop around for quotes, look at reviews and photos and contact a sales member or the owner.



CARPENTRY UPGRADES TO CONSIDER

If you haven't remodeled your home in over 10 years, then you are missing out on the latest trends and technology. Check out these carpentry upgrades you need to consider.

Doors

One of the most prominent carpentry upgrades that we see homeowners get is updating their exterior and interior doors. Newer doors have even more features like weatherproofing, UV protection, fireproofing, extra insulation and more. Plus, there are new designs, colors and styles to pick from as well. At Valor Home Services, we recommend and trust Pella doors.

Windows

The next most prominent carpentry upgrade that homeowners seek is window installation. Just like doors, windows have new features that you will want. Some of these aspects include UV protection, weatherproofing, scratch resistance, and more. At Valor Home Services, we recommend and trust Pella windows.

Deck, Patio or Sunroom

A carpentry upgrade that can significantly increase the value of your home is deck, patio or sunroom building. Large luxury decks, patios and sunrooms can increase your house's value by up to 10%. Plus, who doesn't like having an extra place to relax and soak up the sun?

Cabinetry

More and more homeowners are upgrading their cabinets in their homes. These cabinet upgrades can happen in your kitchen, bathroom, laundry room and any extra storage space. Common ways to fix up your cabinets are through refinishing and staining, switching out the fixtures or updating the style.

Baseboards & Trim

Every five to ten years, you are going to want to update or repair the baseboards and trim on your home. Over the years, they experience extensive wear and tear, especially baseboards. Plus, giving them an update can help you determine if you want to switch up the color or design.



Posts & Fencing

An exterior home carpentry upgrade you should consider is posts and fencing. Over the years, your fences and porch posts experience wear and tear. If you do not update them, they will eventually rot away; therefore, decreasing your home's curb appeal and overall value. In addition, if your home does not have fencing, it is a great way to not only increase the value of your home but also create privacy.

Mailbox

If you have lived in your home for over ten years and have never updated your mailbox, then now is the time to consider upgrading it. Just like everything else outside, it can experience wear and tear over the years. Plus, many older mailboxes do not include house numbers or have issues with opening and closing the door.



ABOUT VALOR HOME SERVICES

At Valor Home Services, we change how you shop for your carpentry needs. Instead of wasting your time going to one brick-and-mortar store after another, we bring the store to you. Our mobile showroom has samples ranging from flooring, fixtures, faucets and more.

By eliminating the need to travel from store to store to get the best deals and variety, we save you time and money by bringing it all to your doorstep. And then, if you need bathroom remodeling, flooring, hardwood floor refinishing or handyman projects taken care of, too, you can provide you with a stress-free remodeling or renovation experience with one of our skilled experts.

With our quick, expert renovation and helpful, knowledgeable staff, we make it easy for you to get the right bathroom at the right price. Guaranteed.

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