Tips for Avoiding Remodeling Mistakes

Stop penny-pinching. If budget is a concern, then think about saving on some areas and splurging in others. For example, if you are a chef at home, go for the fabulous gas range and save money with a granite countertop instead of quartz. Or phase out your project and get what you want.

Changing your mind. Remodeling can get really expensive really fast if you don’t stick to your original plan. Once your project begins, try to avoid looking at more images on Houzz or shows on HGTV. Have confidence in your decisions. Change orders also add on time to your project.

Be realistic. Remodeling is always more costly than you think so be prepared to spend more than what you hear them quote on HGTV. It’s great entertainment and filled with fabulous ideas, but it doesn’t cost $20,000 to do a complete whole house gutting while installing top of the line materials. Sorry, folks.

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A: On new and older pebblestone, first acid wash the film of concrete off the rocks. Then, oxidize the surface to kill mold and mildew. Last, seal the stone to its natural wet look.

Q: Why are the rocks from my pebblestone pool surround sticking to my feet?

A: Moisture penetrates around the stones and changing temperatures expand the moisture and wedge the rocks out. To repair, acid wash the surface. Then, oxidize it to kill mold and mildew. Finally, lock the stones in with a clear acrylic sealer.

Q: Why is my Flagstone flaking & chipping?

A: The answer is in the chemistry. When the temperature of Flagstone & rock move toward 32 degrees or freezing it contracts or becomes smaller. When water temperature moves toward 30 degrees it expands or gets bigger.

Daily as temperature changes and Flagstone gets wet, the water and stone move against each other causing flaking. The Solution is to seal the stone with Solecene sealer which will keep the stone dry. If you have a salt water pool this problem is greatly multiplied.

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