



## The Should-Do's: Four Design and Finish Levels

	Basic	Standard	Designer	Custom
<b>Front door</b>	Metal Six-panel	Metal fan lite	Stock wood	Custom wood with glass
<b>Side or back door</b>	Slab (flat, no panel)	Six-panel	Full-lite, nine-lite	Custom wood with glass
<b>Windows</b>	Repair existing window	Aluminum	Vinyl	Wood
<b>Siding</b>	Repair (patch) siding	Vertical plywood siding (T1-11)	Hardiplank, possibly with some stone, brick, or stucco	Combination of several siding materials: Stone and stucco possibly with some Hardi, cedar, or metal
<b>Texture</b>	Spatter	Drag	Orange peel (remove any popcorn ceiling texture)	None or trowel
<b>Kitchen cabinets</b>	Stock white or oak	Stock oak (choice of stains)	Stock maple or cherry with a few glass doors	Custom species with a number of custom glass doors
<b>Bathroom cabinets</b>	Stock 24- or 30-inch vanity	Stock 30-inch vanity	Stock 36+-inch vanity with cultured marble top	Custom vanity cabinet with granite top
<b>Interior doors</b>	Slab (flat, no panel)	Six-panel	Special-order hollow core	Special-order solid core

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<b>Baseboards</b>	Repair or replace sections with existing type	< 3 inches high	> 4 inches high, paint grade	> 5-inches high, possibly stain-grade
<b>Window trim</b>	Sill and apron	Sill and apron	Sill, apron, and possibly window trim on first floor windows	All windows are completely cased and trimmed
<b>Crown molding</b>	No	No	Sparingly	Everywhere
<b>Openings between rooms</b>	Drywall	Drywall	Some cased openings in key places	Every opening is cased
<b>Wall paint</b>	Off-white	Off-white	A designer color	Color or faux finish
<b>Ceiling paint</b>	Same color as walls	Same color as walls	Shade of white	Designer choice
<b>Accent paint</b>	None	None	One or two walls	Several paint color changes for different rooms
<b>Trim paint</b>	Same color as walls	A shade of white	Usually a shade of white	Designer color or stained
<b>Millwork paint</b> (cabinets, mantle, etc.)	A shade of white	Same as trim paint	Usually an off-white	Designer color or stained

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<b>Siding paint</b>	Match existing paint to prevent multiple coats	Safe color	Designer color	Designer color
<b>Exterior trim paint</b>	Same paint as siding	Same paint as siding	Same paint as siding or a shade of white or a designer color	Designer color
<b>Front door paint</b>	A color that goes with the siding and trim	A color that goes with the siding and trim	Designer color or stained	Stained
<b>Countertop</b>	Inexpensive plastic laminate	Moderately priced plastic laminate	Designer laminate, Silestone, basic granite	Custom granite (beveled bull nose, honed)
<b>Backsplash</b>	4-inch plastic laminate strip	Plastic laminate or one row of tile	Ceramic or inexpensive quarry tile	Custom quarry tile, glass tile, handmade or hand-painted tile
<b>Tub surrounds</b>	Basic white 4 x 4's	Basic 4 x 4's	Subway or other tile	Quarry tile (mosaic pattern or other pattern)
<b>Shower surrounds</b>	Basic white 4 x 4's	Basic 4 x 4's	Subway or other tile	Quarry tile (mosaic pattern or other pattern)
<b>Flooring for kitchen</b>	Vinyl	Basic ceramic tile 12 inches x 12 inches	High-end ceramic tile or quarry tile	Slate, travertine, or hardwoods
<b>Flooring for bathroom</b>	Vinyl	Vinyl or basic ceramic tile 12 inches x 12 inches	High-end ceramic tile or quarry tile	Slate, travertine, or hardwoods

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<b>Flooring for utility room</b>	Vinyl	Vinyl or basic ceramic tile 12 inches x 12 inches	High-end ceramic tile or quarry tile	Travertine or similar
<b>Flooring for front entryway</b>	Vinyl	Basic ceramic tile 12 inches x 12 inches	High-end ceramic tile or quarry tile	Slate, travertine, or hardwoods
<b>Kitchen sink</b>	6-inch stainless	7-inch stainless	9-inch overmount or undermount stainless	Farmhouse or other custom sink
<b>Kitchen faucet</b>	Chrome basic	Includes sprayer	Sprayer pulls from faucet	Custom one-lever
<b>Bathroom sink</b>	Integrated plastic (imitation cultured marble)	Integrated plastic (imitation cultured marble)	Integrated cultured marble or porcelain drop-in	Undermount
<b>Bathroom faucets</b>	Two-handle basic	One- or two-handle basic	One-handle satin nickel	Custom (e.g., oil-rubbed bronze)
<b>Surface mount lights</b>	White globe (some pull string)	White mushroom-type	Satin nickel mushroom or similar (not too expensive)	Special order (e.g., oil-rubbed bronze with custom glass)
<b>Special lighting</b>	None	None	Some recessed lights in kitchen, breakfast, and family room; some pendants	Recessed lights throughout (usually low-voltage halogen), under-cabinet lights, pendant lights

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<b>Ceiling fans</b>	None	Cheap, white with light kit	Satin nickel with light kit	Special order with no light kit
<b>Appliances</b>	Hotpoint (usually white)	GE (usually white or black)	GE Profile (usually stainless)	GE Monogram or special (Viking, Sub Zero, etc.)
<b>Carpet</b>	Plush	Berber	Frieze	Wool
<b>Doorknobs</b>	Inexpensive brass	Inexpensive satin nickel look	Brushed nickel look	Distressed pewter or oil-rubbed bronze
<b>Cabinet knobs and pulls</b>	None	None	Brushed nickel	Special order (e.g., distressed pewter)
<b>Towel bar</b>	Budget metal	Chrome	Brushed nickel	Special order (e.g., oil-rubbed bronze)
<b>Bathroom mirror</b>	Cut and installed by a glass company	Cut and installed by a glass company	Framed (stock)	Special order (framed)
<b>Landscaping</b>	Cut grass	Cut grass, mulch gardens	Cut grass, install shrubs, plants, flowers, plant grass, mulch beds	Cut grass, install shrubs, plants, flowers, plant grass, mulch beds, install small trees, crushed granite, or stone walkways