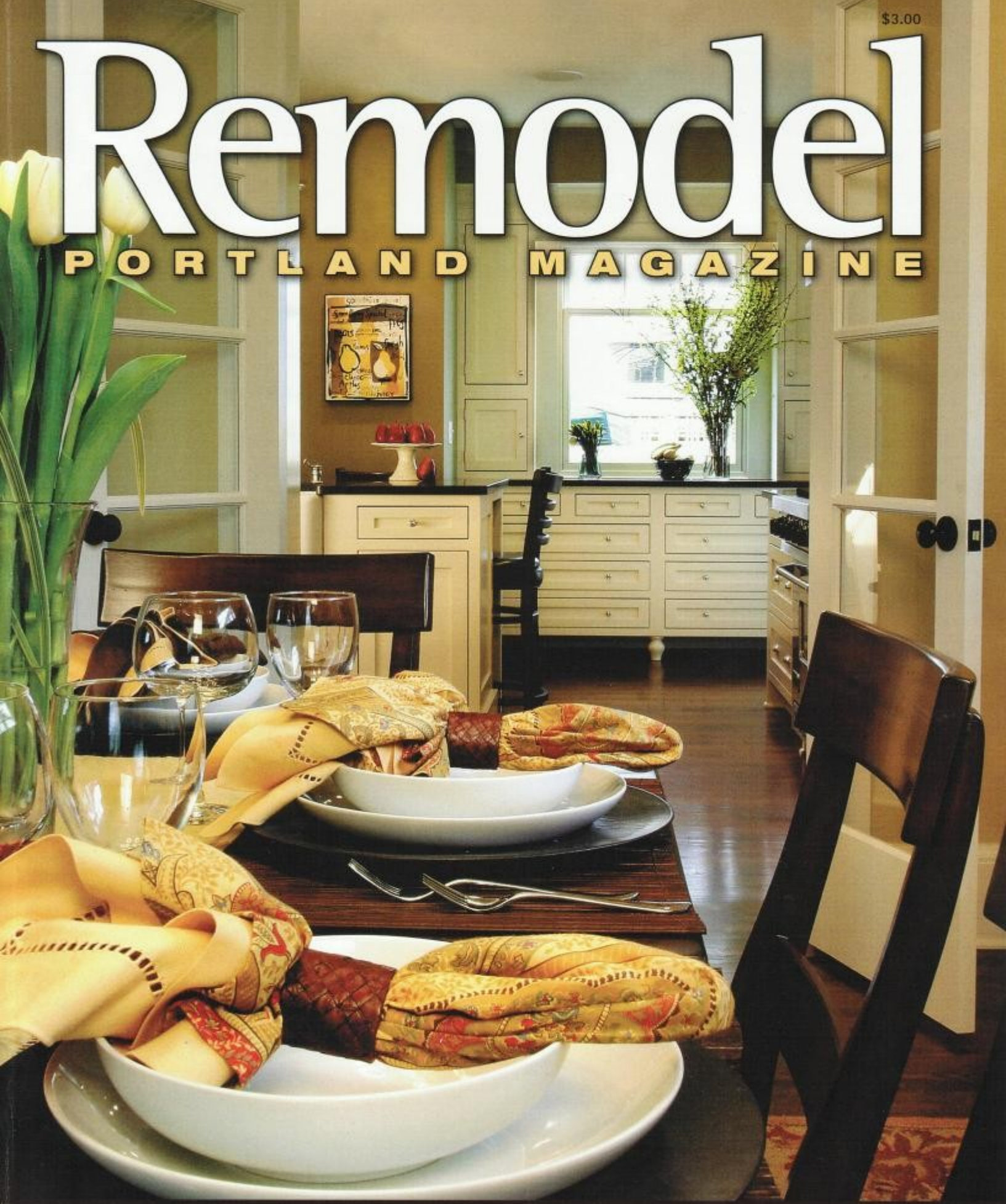


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1906 charm for the 21st century family. Whole house renovation, from basement to attic, features two seamless additions, new porches, redesigned interior with new lighting, custom cabinetry, and fine finishes.



Photo: Brian McLarnon

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A house circa 1906 has special challenges. It won't be square, probably hasn't been treated kindly, and the foundation

most likely needs work. This one came complete with a pink kitchen and aqua bathroom. However, the right architecture, design and construction not only overcame these challenges, but produced stunning results.

In this "to the studs" project, Fouch Building & Remodeling, Z3 Design Studio, and Guy Altman Architecture transformed this house into a home perfect for entertaining and family life. From exterior to interior, basement to roof, no detail was left untouched. The basement was hand dug (for future use) and the

foundation reinforced. New windows, heating, electrical and plumbing improves the home's energy efficiency. A welcoming front porch and back deck with radius stairs give the exterior charm while an addition and shed dormer provided needed interior space.

The interior combines historic details with modern amenities in a warm color palette. New columns and pilasters add visual distinction between living spaces. Period trim and picture rail combine with low voltage lighting to highlight artwork. A laundry room and pantry were added adjacent to a light-filled kitchen where period cabinetry marries beautifully with granite countertops and professional appliances. The attic is now a master suite with a spectacular bath that highlights duality - a two person shower, two person jetted tub, two sinks and closets - truly making it a 'his' and 'hers' retreat.

“Education is everything. The more you know up front about everything, the better off you’ll be.”

*David Bruce,
Irving Development
Company*

Professional Advice

Five top remodelers offer valuable advice for your next home project

In this age of information, it’s not hard to find advice, tips and inspiration on how to make sure your home remodeling project is a successful one.

The Internet is chocked full of home improvement sites, countless books line the bookstore shelves, and of course, there are always those friends and family members who are more than happy to tell you just how you should go about your remodel.

But whether what you find is all good information is another story.

There is, however, another source that’s guaranteed to provide truly helpful tips on home remodeling: the remodelers themselves.

What follows are some of the best bits of home remodeling advice from some of the very best in the business.



**John Fouch —
Fouch Building & Remodeling**

To John Fouch, president of Fouch Building & Remodeling, a list of remodeling tips, advice and dos and don’ts could go on and on — and on.

“I’m sure there are a million things out there,” says Fouch, the youngest of this year’s Tour of Remodeled Homes remodelers. “There are a lot of ways people can make everybody’s lives a lot easier through a remodel.”

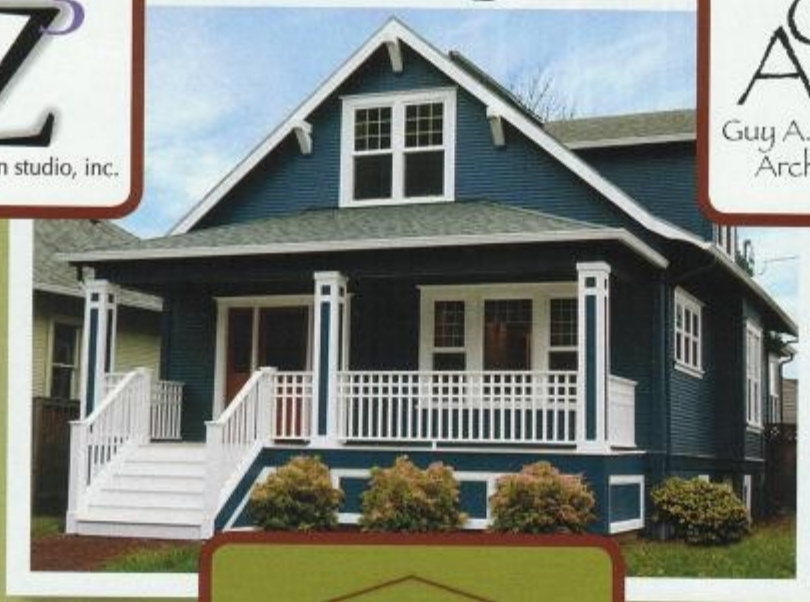
Fouch’s top advice:

- “My first recommendation,” says Fouch, “is that they contract with a good contractor right away. That way, they can get the contractor on board, negotiate the entire project from the get-go and have the contractor verify that everything’s correct along the way.”
- Plan, plan, plan. “Enough can’t be said about planning ahead and being educated and being prepared for what you’re getting into,” Fouch says.
- And finally, do your homework in advance on everything from planning restrictions to the type of fixtures and finishes you have in mind. “The more ideas you have to put on the table up front,” Fouch says, “the better.”



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