

Love It? Or List It ?....orTo Renovate or Not ?

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The correct answer to the question Love It? Or List It? depends on **who** is asking the question. Renovations take a lot of time and energy and are **not for everyone**.

The answer to whether to move to a new location, or to renovate your home may depend more on who you are than on trends, costs, or finding the perfect house elsewhere.

The important question isAre you the right temperament to thrive through a renovation?Or is the process something that you would find so completely stressful that it would never be worth the energy it would take you to get it done?

One might think that it is simply an easy going personality type who can enjoy the process of renovating...in fact this is not the case...they might **not** enjoy it, or find it worth the work at all.



The laid back person might not care strongly enough about the details of their environment to want to take on **any stress** to renovate it.

It is a particular temperament of person that finds the process **very** interesting.

These people see renovating as a journey that offers opportunities for personal growth and for being creative.

Renovating is the chance for a homeowner to get **exactly what they want**, tailored specifically to their taste & needs.. **This is a key quality to successfully enjoy renovating** ...it must be important to the would-be

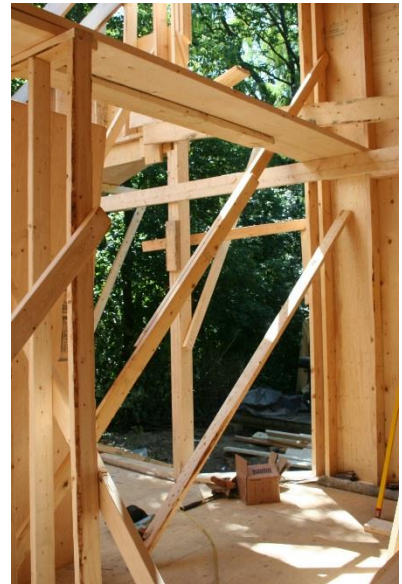
renovation candidate **...to truly personalize their environment** ...to go engage in the leap of faith that is the unknown process of tearing a home apart, and then putting it back together.

There are individuals who see the process as an **exciting** opportunity to create and shape their physical world.

These homeowners see renovating, or adding on to a home, as a completely empowering experience, and an opportunity to build something three dimensional that did not exist before.

To these people renovation is a natural choice and doing it is almost in their DNA.

The question they would ask is **Why Not Renovate?** Why not invest in a home and location you really like, and fix what you want to improve?



Why struggle with things that don't work, and **why not make your life easier and create a home you love to be in?**

Often people love their location but have problems with their homes and can't find another home in the area that is updated. Some may, somewhat reluctantly, dive into the renovation process to solve the issues in their home.



If they are happy with the knowledge that they will create what they need and want as the outcome, and if they willingly trade patience and perseverance for that goal, then renovating can be a very rewarding experience for them also.

Wise would-be renovators get people who have knowledge, experience and skill to help them plan their project, and to do the work.

They enjoy the process of developing exactly what they want ...with the right people in place ...to minimize any challenges inherent in the process.

Most homeowners who renovate enjoy the finished home even more than a new location because they helped to create it.