

Six Tips on Choosing a Contractor

- 1.** Look for sincerity, frankness, compatibility and mutual trust.
- 2.** Provide as much specific information as you can — including drawings and reference photos — before you request a written proposal.
- 3.** Give your contractor a view of your priorities. Rank in the order of importance such things as appearance, style, function, durability, quality of materials, craftsmanship, cost, etc.
- 4.** Ask to see the professional contractor's business license and verification of the company's property damage and personal liability coverage.
- 5.** Don't pressure the company to provide the lowest possible cost proposal. This could produce the most surprises and unexpected cost overruns.
- 6.** Be realistic and flexible. Unexpected problems will arise, changes will occur. When you and the project supervisor have a mutual trust and clearly communicate with each other, the entire remodeling experience will be more satisfactory for everyone.