

Home Improvement Professionals

Depending on the size and complexity of your project, you may choose to work with a number of different professionals:

>**General Contractors:** manage all aspects of your project, including hiring and supervising subcontractors, getting building permits, and scheduling inspections. They also work with architects and designers.

>**Speciality Contractors:** install particular products, such as cabinets and bathroom fixtures.

>**Architects:** design homes, additions, and major renovations. If your project includes structural changes, you may want to hire an architect who specializes in home remodeling.

>**Designers:** have expertise in specific areas of the home, such as kitchens and baths.

>**Design/Build Contractors:** provide one-stop service. They see your project through from start to finish. Some firms have architects on staff; others use certified designers.