



# To DIY or not to DIY?

Feeling handy? You may be tempted to tackle home repairs or upgrades yourself. This **do-it-yourself (DIY)** attitude can serve you well — but some projects require a professional touch. How do you know when professional help is needed? Consider these DIY rules:

1. **Keep it safe** — Does your project involve electricity, climbing to precarious heights, lead paint or asbestos? Professionals are best for these dangerous jobs because they have the right equipment and experience.
2. **Save money** — The number one reason to tackle a DIY project is to save money. Be sure to do the math before you jump into a project, considering any equipment you'll need to purchase and any time off of work you may need to take.
3. **Make it nice** — Before you decide to DIY, be honest with yourself about your abilities. You may enjoy the challenges of installing a new backsplash, but if it doesn't look professional, all your time, effort and materials will be wasted.

Does your project follow these three rules? Then give DIY a try! Some common DIY projects include installing hardware, painting, minor landscaping and installing shelves.

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