

The **three** most common **DIY MISTAKES**

It always looks simple on TV; home renovation shows have a great ability to make any home renovation or upgrade look easy. Nicely condensed into a 60 minute episode, home renovation shows can lead to illusions of grandeur popping into many DIYer's heads, tricking them into thinking, "I can do that, no problem."

If you are planning to do a home renovation project, whether it's a deck, fence, shed, landscaping or basement renovation, read on, you will find a tip or two to save you time and money. At Olympic Building Centre, our Coaches regularly deal with a variety of DIY mistakes that can be easily avoided. These common mistakes can be broken down into 3 distinct categories: planning, choice of materials, and construction techniques.

PLANNING

There's a saying: "Those that fail to plan are planning to fail." Nothing could be further from the truth when it comes to any home renovation project. The professionals who do home renovations for a living know exactly what to expect when doing any project. Most DIYers are tackling projects for the first time; it's not very often that we see DIYers do the same type of project over and over again. What is often missing are the proper steps from beginning to end. This is where help from an Olympic Coach becomes essential. At Olympic Building Centre, we see ideas from simple to complex each and every day. You can save yourself time and money by speaking to someone who's been there and done that. Our Olympic Coaches will take a consultative approach to your project asking you questions that you may not have thought about. Here are some considerations for your next project:

CHOICE OF MATERIALS

One of the main reasons DIYers attempt projects on their own is to save money. It pays to shop around to get the best price. However, what can be often overlooked are the finer details such as lumber grade or glass thickness. Not all materials or products are created equal. While it may seem as though you are getting a better deal initially, you might not be in the long run. When you build a deck, a fence or are working on renovating another part of your home, you want your hardwork to last. There are a lot of products that are cheaper in price, but what you save in price you sacrifice in longevity. Buying properly from the beginning will save you time and money down the road.



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A great example is a little known fact about buying across the border. In our climate the products you chose today must be proven to perform in our extreme weather conditions. We often hear that a client is considering purchasing materials outside of Manitoba. That is usually not an issue for a 2x4, but windows, for example, are Energuide performance rated. Many people are not aware that the US cold zones end at the Canadian/American border, and a whole new set of zones and criteria come into play, making many of these products fail the building inspection.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

It's pretty easy to search online these days to learn how to build just about anything you can think of. The one thing many DIYers fail to consider is local building codes. Although how-to sites can give you a great education on how to complete projects like a deck or a fence, the question is, is it built to local building code standards? Our Olympic Coaches are trained on these standards and will help you understand how to build your project to code.

At Olympic Building Centre we pride ourselves on helping you "Build with Confidence." Although it's cliché to say, we have truly built this business one customer at a time our focus is to qualify your needs, understand your questions and concerns, then inform you of the best possible choices with features and benefits that actually mean something to you. This year we are celebrating our 10 year anniversary and have built Olympic Building Centre on a solid reputation of satisfied customers that refer us to their friends and family, which is exactly the way we want to keep it. We look forward to seeing you.

