

## Would you ever renovate a house?

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**1. Complete the statements with your ideas. Then, share some details.**

- I've always dreamt of living in a house which...
- I can't imagine myself living in a house which...
- When I think of house renovation, I can't help thinking about...

**2. Imagine someone bought an old house. List five things they would be most likely to renovate.**

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**3. Look at the pictures and find the objects listed in the boxes.**

ADU (accessory dwelling unit)

backsplash

ceiling beam

deck

floor tile

hearth

planter

woodstove



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4. Watch a [video](https://youtu.be/icN9Mtr4V7Y) [https://youtu.be/icN9Mtr4V7Y] and say how the speaker (Ren) feels about her house.

5. Watch the [video](#) again and elaborate on the points below.

- A. the kind of property Ren had been looking for
- B. mountains and oak trees
- C. the house colour palette
- D. her art in the house
- E. ADU

6. Discuss the questions.

- Which parts of Ren's house do you like or dislike?
- Would you ever decide to do a major house renovation? Why/Why not?
- Which is better: to renovate your house yourself or to hire a professional?
- What are some typical house renovation challenges people encounter?
- What do people do to turn a house into their home?
- There is a lot of inspiration for house renovation on social media. Is this an advantage or a disadvantage?
- Do people nowadays renovate their houses more often than in the past? Why do you think that is?
- How do you feel about DIY (do it yourself) things in a house? Have you ever tried to make anything yourself?



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### 7. Read the tips and say which of them you would follow.

- Renovate your kitchen first.
- Be specific about your design ideas.
- Hire an interior designer.
- Spend good money on things you touch every day, like door hardware, doors, faucets, appliances, kitchen cabinets.
- Doing a little here and there in multiple rooms will only leave you feeling unsettled and frustrated. Focus on one thing at a time.
- Make your house more eco-friendly by doing the following:
  - installing solar panels
  - buying second-hand
  - tracking your energy and water use with smart meters.

### 8. Imagine you are going to buy the house shown in the pictures. Talk about how you would renovate it.

#### Use the questions below as a guide.

- What colour palette would you choose for the house?
- What would you do with the house deck?
- What kind of flooring would you choose for the rooms? Would you use tiles anywhere?
- Would you add ceiling beams or a woodstove? Why?
- Would you add an ADU? If yes, how would you use it?
- Would you buy a house like this one? If yes, would it meet your needs?

