



# Hints For Homeowners

## Remodel Unused Living Space To Maximize Your Home's Potential

(NAPSA)—If the real estate market has you frazzled or if the notion of trading up leaves you with sticker shock, a home remodeling project may be just the right answer.

### An Idea

A finished basement, for example, can offer a little extra room to give a growing family space to breathe or to create an income suite to offset mortgage costs. It can also offer the added benefit of bolstering the value of your home. With so many uses, a remodeled basement may be the exact solution to what your home is missing, whether it's additional storage space, a sound-proofed media room, craft room, guest room or home gym. The possibilities are practically endless.

### The Advantages

An unfinished basement, on the other hand, can be a source of energy loss, so with a remodeling you can expect to see savings on your monthly heating and cooling costs. Industry experts recommend finishing the space with the proper framing, insulation and vapor barrier to guarantee cozy and inviting rooms. Insulation plays a key role in the comfort of your newly remodeled space and although hidden within your walls, it will make sure the basement stays cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

### A Problem

Unfortunately, moisture can be a common challenge in many basements. Starting with a dry space is important.



**When you get down to it, remodeling your basement can be a great way to have a new home at the old address.**

### An Answer

As a result, builders and contractors often favor an inorganic stone wool insulation that's resistant to mold and mildew growth, such as Rockwool Comfortboard and Comfortbatt products. Not only will they help protect indoor air quality, they're easy to install and won't slump in the wall cavity. This serves to ensure the comfort of your newfound living space, so you can count on long-term thermal performance for years to come.

Remodeling a basement can be very worthwhile, especially when you consider that moving to a larger home can add significant bulk to your mortgage. To get the most from the project, be sure to practice due diligence, obtain the right permits, and educate yourself on building codes. If you don't have the know-how, it's worth the peace of mind to hire a qualified professional.

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