

Choose a Right Carpenter checklist

Tips to help you choose correct carpenter that can save on your money, budget and give you your product style

For durable furniture and items, it essential to have hired a good and known carpenter. Well this goes for any style or type of interior work your get done. How do you know which carpenter to get work done if not known carpenter is available.

Well here is a checklist that can help you choose a good carpenter that can offer you exactly what you want with hassle free work environment.

- Make a list of all the work you need doing in your home. This could be anything from tailored furniture, some shelves or loft alteration.
- Think about and decide for the surface finish you want in your kitchens and other room cabinets, wardrobes, etc. For e.g. for kitchen plan what material countertop, cupboard and cabinets finish you want- Laminates, Veneer or other engineered wood sheet.
- Most importantly, decide on a budget for the work.
- Check with your local Planning Authority whether building regulations and/or planning approval is required for major work such as conversions or extensions and for repairs on listed buildings.
- Request the quote in writing and ask for a breakdown of labor and costs.
- Understand what the payment terms are and be wary of anyone asking you to pay all the money upfront. In any case any up front deposit should only cover materials needed to start the works.



- Always check if the work comes with any product guarantees and how many months guarantee is given for workmanship.
- Settle with the quote in writing, and also any agreements made during discussions on the actions above so you have a clear, written scope of works.
- If work is of significant value or involves structural alterations to your home consider entering in to a formal contract.

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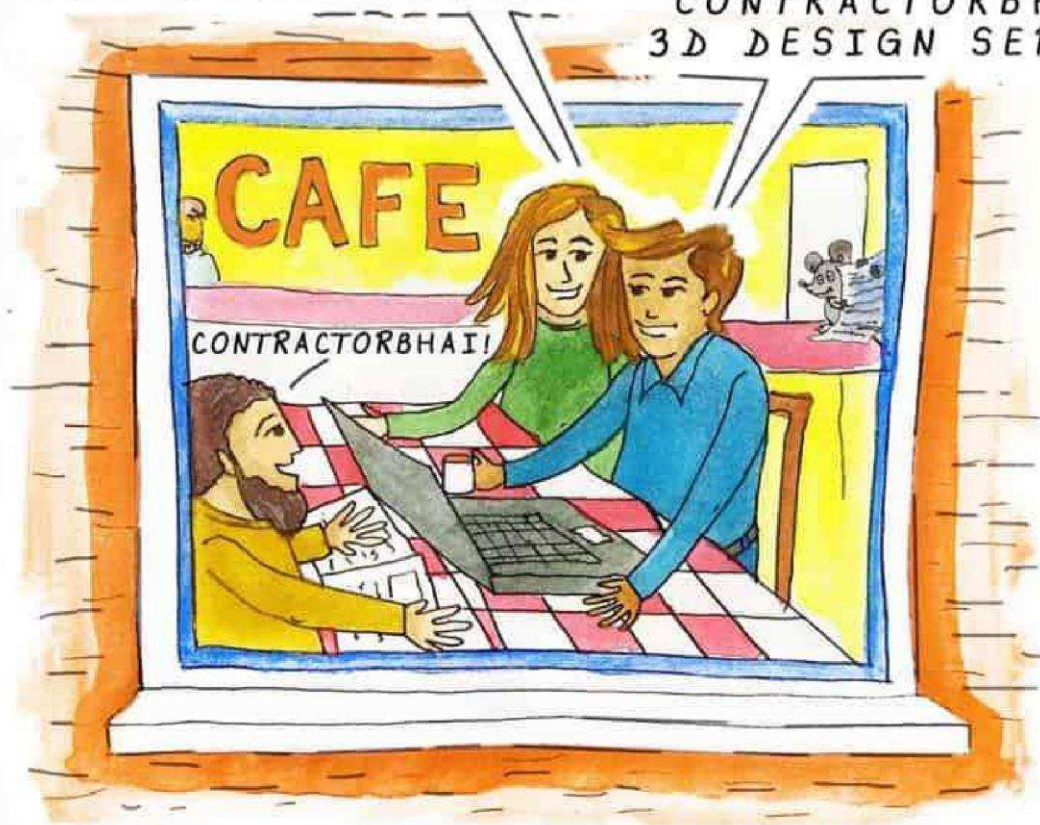
- Collect visual examples of what you like and want .Hand it over to the carpenter for him to get an idea of your requirements and to benchmark the quality.
- Contact and secure quotes from three different carpenters. Nonetheless it's always beneficial to get carpentry work done form a known carpenter.
- It a good idea to ask to see previous work at recent client's homes, especially for large works such as conversions or bespoke kitchens.



- Your carpenter would want you to complete some prior work, i.e. clear book shelves, the loft or take up existing flooring. Don't forget if you have any new carpets fitted, you will need the doors re-sizing so they shut properly.
- Decide and talk who will clear up after the work has been done. If you have any special requirements e.g. a member of the family is asthmatic, make sure dust is kept to a minimum.
- If you have any queries about the work, or say you realize there is a problem – don't let it annoy you. Always try to rectify the issue fairly between you and the hired carpenter.

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