



How I Found An Amazing General Contractor: One Couple Shares Why They've Been Working With Ed'S Remodeling Company For Over 30 Years

After David Pott and Linda Kagan discovered Ed's Remodeling Company in Chicago, Illinois, the husband and wife duo are sharing the secrets behind their successful partnership.

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It's no secret among homeowners that finding a top quality general contractor can be a difficult task. But according to David Pott and Linda Kagan, that doesn't always have to be the case. Since finding Ed's Remodeling Company in Chicago, Illinois back in 1987, the couple has been thrilled with the work that's been done on their house. To help others experience that same level of success, Pott and Kagan are sharing their advice with ESTATENVY.

Why did you love your general contractor?

I love our general contractor, Ed Czypurna of Ed's Remodeling Company, because he pays close attention to detail, his employees are skilled craftsmen and his subcontractors are also competent and reliable.

What kind of work did he or she do?

In 1987, Ed remodeled our kitchen and upstairs (this was a gut rehab of the kitchen, putting in a new stairwell to the second floor and converting a second-floor bedroom into a bathroom upstairs in addition to rewiring, drywall, painting, windows). He remodeled our basement laundry area in the early 2000s. He remodeled our kitchen again in 2008, including our downstairs bathroom. He remodeled our upstairs bathroom in 2011. He did some major repair work to our garage and one of our downspouts in 2017. We worked with licensed architects for the major remodels in 1987, 2008 and 2011. Ed and his skilled tradesmen often have ideas which enhance the architects' plans. Our most recent architect/designer enjoys working with him as much as we do.

What makes him or her different from the rest?

Ed has a great reputation for integrity and not cutting corners. He prefers higher-end jobs because his workers are capable of doing higher end work.

What would you do differently if you had to go through the process of looking for a general contractor again?

We found Ed through word of mouth. He had been working on a neighbor's home and we liked what we saw. I would not hire a general contractor unless he or she came highly recommended by someone I know and I could see examples of the work done.

What kind of advice would you give to anyone looking to hire a general contractor?

Get references. The general contractor should be willing to provide them, along with photos of the work done for other homeowners. Also, the [City of Chicago maintains an online list of licensed general contractors](#). If the homeowner chooses a contractor who is not on the list, proceed with caution. Ed's Remodeling Company is on the list. While the list does not vouch for the quality of the contractor's work, at least the homeowner knows that the contractor has registered with the City of Chicago and is not some fly-by-night scammer.