

Media Outlet: Style At Home

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Only **STYLISH HOMES AFFORDABLE IDEAS**

Project managing

Do it

BIG PLANS

Being prepared helps the job run to schedule and ensures you stick to your budget

PLAN AHEAD

Keep builders on track with a non-completion clause

a logical order - don't fit new carpets before walls and skirting boards are painted.

Q What is the best way to successfully managing my budget?

A Managing a budget, big or small, follows the same rules. If there's structural work, get at least three quotes from builders. Use Ratedpeople.com or Trustatrader.com to find recommended local builders. Don't always go for the cheapest. Check that each quote is 'like-for-like' and for finishing the job to your expectation, not quoted on a day-by-day basis. Factor in an extra 15% as a contingency budget. This will cover unforeseen extras so you won't feel like the price is spiralling out of control.

Prep your project in style

1 COLOUR TRACKER

Push-button highlighters, £125 each, Muji

2 DOCUMENT HOLDER

Kraft Floral three-flap folder, £3, Paperchase

3 MEASURE UP

Wild & Wolf V&A tape measure, £5.95, Gilt

