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## **Basic Bathroom Remodel: Start to Finish**

A bathroom remodel can mean a lot of things, from replacing fixtures to a full bathroom remodel. Here's how a standard remodel usually looks, what materials are involved, how long it takes, and what it costs on average in Los Angeles County.

### **Step 1: Planning & Budgeting**

Let's figure out what you'd like to change, from tub to standing shower, new vanity, flooring, lighting, or all the above. We'll help you set a realistic budget and scope.

- **Materials:** Planning doesn't use materials yet, but you'll be picking out finishes (tile, vanity, countertop, fixtures).
- **Typical cost:** \$0–\$500 for consultation, drawings, and city permit planning.
- **Timeline:** 1–2 weeks (permits can add time).

### **Step 2: Demolition**

Old tiles, flooring, vanity, toilet, and tub/shower get removed by our demolition team. Walls may be opened for plumbing and electrical access.

- **Materials:** Trash bags, protective coverings, haul-away bins.
- **Labor cost:** \$1,000–\$2,500 depending on size and complexity.
- **Timeline:** 2–4 days.



## **Step 3: Rough Plumbing & Electrical**

Pipes are moved or replaced if needed. Electrical wiring is updated for outlets, lighting, or vent fans. City inspections are scheduled.

- **Materials:** Copper or PEX pipes, drains, fittings, GFCI outlets, fan.
- **Labor cost:** \$2,500–\$5,000 depending on scope.
- **Timeline:** 1–2 weeks, including inspections.

## **Step 4: Framing & Drywall**

Walls are rebuilt or patched. Cement board is installed in shower/tub areas. Drywall goes up, taped, and patched.

- **Materials:** Lumber, drywall, sheets, cement backer boards, screws, joint compound
- **Labor cost:** \$1,000–\$5,000 depending on size and complexity.
- **Timeline:** 2–4 days.

## **Step 5: Flooring & Tile Work**

Floor tile is laid, shower walls tiled, grout applied. This is a big visual step.

- **Materials:** Porcelain or ceramic tile (\$3–\$7/sq ft), grout, thin set mortar, waterproofing membrane.
- **Labor + materials cost:** \$4,000–\$8,000 depending on tile choice and layout complexity. Includes Hot-mopping base for waterproofing.
- **Timeline:** 1–2 weeks.

## **Step 7: Painting**

- Ceiling, Walls, and door(s) are painted.
- **Materials:** Dunn-Edwards or Sherwin-Williams paint, semi-gloss finish, caulk, trim pieces.
- **Labor + materials cost:** \$1,000–\$2,000.
- **Timeline:** 2–4 days.



## \*Step 6: Fixtures & Vanity

Toilet, sink/vanity, faucets, tub or shower doors, mirror, and lighting are installed.

- **Materials:** Vanity (\$800–\$2,500), quartz/granite top (\$1,000–\$2,000), faucets (\$150–\$500 each), toilet (\$250–\$600), light fixtures (\$200–\$600).
- **Labor + materials cost:** \$4,000–\$7,500.
- **Timeline:** 1 week.

## Step 7: Paint Touch-ups & Finish Work

Wall and ceiling are inspected and touched up. Finishing touches include installing towel bars, hardware, trim, silicone sealant.

## Step 8: Final Walkthrough

Contractor checks all work with you, makes punch-list fixes, and closes out permits.

- **Cost:** Included in job.
- **Timeline:** 1–3 days.

## Total Cost & Timeframe

Average total cost in L.A.: \$22,000–\$35,000 for a mid-range bathroom (not luxury, not builder-grade).

Total timeline: 5–8 weeks depending on scope, materials availability, and city inspections.

## Key Takeaway

A bathroom remodel isn't just **tile** and **paint**. It's **plumbing**, **electrical**, **city inspections**, and **finish work**. Materials are your choice, but **labor and permits** are the backbone of the job.

## \*Fixtures & Accessories

All fixtures such as faucets, shower valves, vanities, toilets, bidets, towel racks, hooks, knobs, and other accessories are the responsibility of the homeowner. This allows you to select the exact style, finish, and brand you prefer, while we handle the installation.

