

Room		Started	
0	Measure everything Floor, walls, perimeter, ceiling height, every opening. Sketch it and photograph the sketch.	THEN ORDER Nothing yet	☐ done _____
1	Strip out Baseboard, old flooring, fixtures. Now you learn the subfloor type and whether the walls are sound.	THEN ORDER Disposal only	☐ done _____
2	Inside the walls Electrical, plumbing, insulation. Once it is closed, opening it again is a different project.	THEN ORDER Insulation	☐ done _____
3	Close the walls Drywall up, taped, three coats, sanded. Decide sheet length and whether it gets texture.	THEN ORDER Sheets, screws, tape, compound	☐ done _____
4	Prime and first coat Before the floor goes down, so you can be careless at the bottom of the wall.	THEN ORDER Primer and paint	☐ done _____
5	Flooring Over a clean, dry, level substrate. Let it acclimate first.	THEN ORDER Boxes, underlayment, thinset	☐ done _____
6	Trim After the flooring, because the floor height sets where the baseboard sits.	THEN ORDER Baseboard, crown, quarter round	☐ done _____
7	Caulk, fill, final coat The stage that makes it look professionally done.	THEN ORDER Caulk, filler, a quarter of the paint	☐ done _____

NOTES — WHAT YOU FOUND BEHIND THE WALL

Each stage produces a piece of information the next one's order depends on — the subfloor, the wall texture, the finished floor height. Buy ahead of that information and you are guessing.