

THEME *of the* **MONTH**



Renovations

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Description

Whether you own your own house or condo or farm or even just rent a home, renovations are part of life. It could be as little as a new coat of paint, or as extensive as building a new addition to our place aren't we often tempted to take pictures of the end result to show it off? Now, we tend to remember to also take pictures before and during the process so we can have a story to tell. And where else can we tell this story of change than in a scrapbook layout or even a whole album.

Fixing problems

Sometimes, it might be the roof that leaks or the plumbing that is faulty but either way, we are forced to do some renovations to fix issues that come up. Those are not planned, but we really have no choice, right?



Layout by Heather Dubarry

A coat of paint

Unlike a fix-it job, painting will be planned ahead. One can repaint a whole room, the whole exterior of the house, or just smaller areas. Those would still yield a nice fresh look to whatever was painted. How about a single window frame, shutters, or doors?



Layout by Kiana

Bathroom renovations

When you want to update a room, the bathroom is one of the first room we can think of. Why? Probably because the bathroom includes so many parts that CAN be changed; the vanity, the sink, the tub, the toilet, and there are many more options for flooring and wall treatment. It is usually not a cheap project considering all those elements, but it is great when it is... completed!

Project Bathroom

Finally we got to the bathroom renovation. The old bath was relatively small, and had a badly repaired crack in it. Someone must have hit it with a hammer or something! The cupboards were water damaged and at 16 years old needed updating. After much hunting we found ivory tapware, sink and bath that would fit the space. After we got all the supplies Phil finished the job in just 2 weeks!

Phil had replaced the showerhead earlier in the year, and in May I put up some ivory lace curtains.

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Layout by Melissa Shanahun



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Kitchen renovations

The kitchen is the second room that tends to be renovated, and probably for the same reason as for the bathroom: there are many elements that can be changed, replaced, updated. We just finished the renovations of our kitchen, but I have not had a chance to make a layout from the photos (it will come). However, Heather did and here is her layout. It is interesting how she combined so much information on a single page: the plan, the photos, the color chips, even the companies she used.



Layout by Heather Dubarry

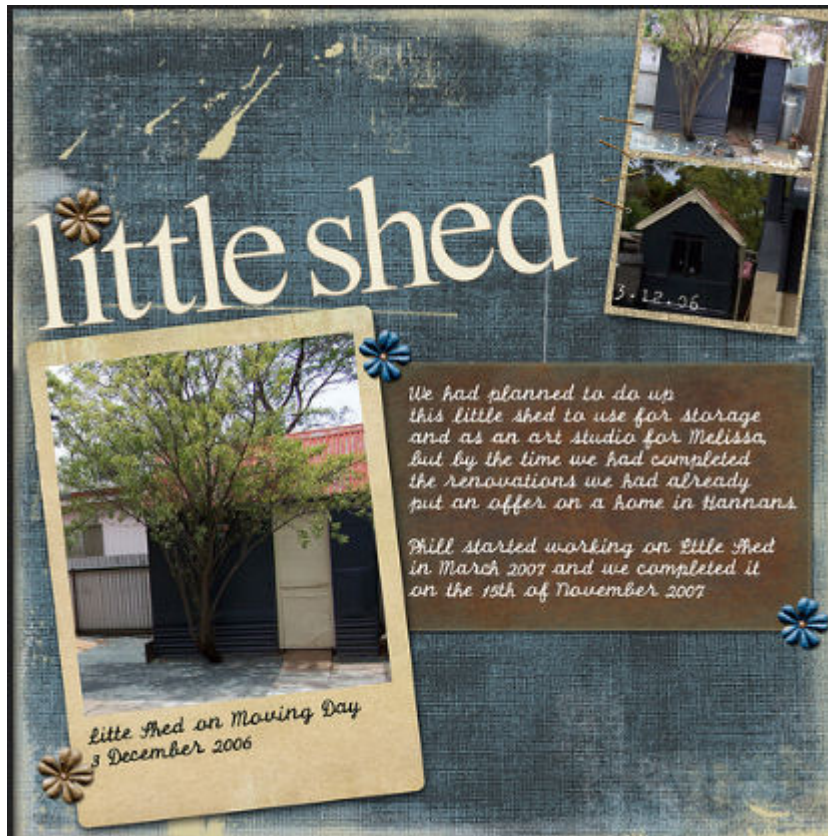
Lori, on the other hand, focused on details of the renovation instead of the wider angle. And it also tells a story. A different story, but still something fun to revisit later. Her approach to the layout shows a different way to display her photos.



Layout by Lori

A new construction

Although some people work on a brand new construction of their whole home, you can start with some smaller projects, like a shed. This is what Melissa did.



Layout by Melissa

An addition

You can renovate existing living spaced but if you need more room, you can always build another one (or two or three). Of course, it is a lot more work than just adding a patio with a barbecue, but definitely more convenient when the weather is not always sunny!



Layout by xboxmom

The worker

Although it seems obvious to take pictures of the before, and after, and maybe the "during" also, let's not forget those who do the work. Sometimes, it is great to remember those sweaty days when enjoying the end result. Or sometimes, we might find some funny or awkward situations that just NEED to be captured to tell the story later (even funnier if the picture is taken without the person knowing in the first place!)



Maybe that is what Ana did?

Do you have layouts of some renovations you did at home (or for someone else)? Show us by linking in the comments below. If you have not made a layout yet (like me), but have plenty of pictures to document your projects, what are you waiting for? What other types of renovation projects do you have planned? You can start a layout with your plans. You don't have to wait until it is completed!



To help you, I created a whole alphabet of wooden letters that you

can use to write the title of your next renovation layout. All those letters are built with pieces of wood and attached together with screws. This is perfect for your renovation (or building) projects, don't you think?

Simply [click HERE](#) to get your alpha.

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