

Essential Contractor Questions



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General Construction

- ☐ Can you provide examples of similar projects you have completed?
- ☐ How do you ensure the foundation is properly supported and leveled?
- ☐ What materials do you recommend for our project and why?
- ☐ How do you handle unexpected issues during the project?
- ☐ Can you provide a detailed timeline and cost estimate for the project?

Electrical

- ☐ Can you explain your process for installing a new electrical panel?
- ☐ How do you ensure all electrical wiring meets local building codes?
- ☐ What safety precautions do you take when working with electricity?
- ☐ Can you describe the steps for troubleshooting electrical issues?
- ☐ How do you handle the installation of complex electrical systems, such as smart home devices?

Plumbing

- ☐ What methods do you use to detect and repair leaks in plumbing systems?
- ☐ How do you ensure proper venting in plumbing to prevent sewer gases?
- ☐ Can you explain the process of replacing old plumbing fixtures with new ones?
- ☐ How do you handle emergency plumbing situations, like burst pipes?
- ☐ What materials do you recommend for plumbing pipes and why?

HVAC

- ☐ Can you explain the steps for a complete HVAC system installation?
- ☐ How do you size an HVAC system for optimal performance and efficiency?
- ☐ What maintenance tasks do you perform to keep an HVAC system running smoothly?
- ☐ How do you troubleshoot and repair common HVAC issues?
- ☐ What are the latest energy-efficient technologies in HVAC systems that you recommend?

Roofing

- ☐ What materials do you recommend for roofing, and why?
- ☐ Can you explain your process for ensuring a roof is waterproof?
- ☐ How do you handle roofing repairs for leaks and damage?
- ☐ What steps do you take to ensure proper ventilation in a roofing system?
- ☐ How do you assess the condition of an existing roof before starting a project?

Carpentry

- ☐ What techniques do you use to ensure wooden structures are level and secure?
- ☐ How do you approach the installation of custom cabinetry for a precise fit?
- ☐ Can you describe your process for repairing damaged woodwork?
- ☐ What materials do you prefer for different carpentry projects and why?
- ☐ How do you ensure the longevity and durability of your carpentry work?

Painting

- ☐ Can you explain the steps you take to prepare surfaces before painting?
- ☐ What types of paint do you recommend for different surfaces, and why?
- ☐ How do you ensure a smooth and even finish on painted surfaces?
- ☐ What techniques do you use to handle challenging painting projects, like high ceilings?
- ☐ How do you protect surrounding areas during a painting project to prevent damage?

Masonry

- ☐ What materials do you use for brick and stone work, and why?
- ☐ Can you describe the process of properly laying a brick or stone patio?
- ☐ How do you ensure the durability of masonry work in different weather conditions?
- ☐ What techniques do you use to repair damaged masonry?
- ☐ How do you ensure the structural integrity of masonry constructions?

Landscaping

- ☐ How do you design a landscape plan that includes proper drainage?
- ☐ What techniques do you use to maintain the health of trees and shrubs?
- ☐ Can you explain your process for installing irrigation systems?
- ☐ What materials do you recommend for hardscaping elements like patios and walkways?
- ☐ How do you handle pest control and plant diseases in landscaping?

Flooring

- ☐ What materials do you recommend for different areas of the home, and why?
- ☐ Can you explain the process of installing hardwood flooring?
- ☐ How do you handle the installation of tile flooring, including grout and sealant application?
- ☐ What steps do you take to prepare subfloors before installing new flooring?
- ☐ How do you ensure the longevity and durability of installed flooring?

Your Notes

Contractor 1_____ Contractor 2 _____ Contractor 3_____

- Quote 1:
- Quote 2:
- Quote 3:

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