



Part A: The Fixer-Upper Challenge

Situation:

You are part of a professional renovation team hired by a wealthy woman to restore her family's country home. Her great-grandmother (the woman from *The Yellow Wallpaper*) once lived here. The house has been empty for years, and the new owner wants to make it beautiful again – but she's on a budget.

Rooms / Area:

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| 1. Bedroom 1 (downstairs) | 6. Yellow wallpaper Bedroom 2 (upstairs) |
| 2. Kitchen (downstairs) | 7. Bedroom 3 (upstairs) |
| 3. Library (downstairs) | 8. Bathroom 2 (upstairs) |
| 4. Dining Room (downstairs) | 9. Front entry (downstairs) |
| 5. Bathroom 1 (downstairs) | 10. Garden area / exterior (outside) |

Your team's job:

1. Inspect the rooms and garden area.
2. Decide what needs to be repaired or replaced.
3. Spend your budget wisely – every dollar counts!
4. Present your renovation plan and explain how your changes improve the setting and mood of the home.

Instructions

1. Examine the pictures of each room. Make a list of things that need to be repaired or updated.
2. Review each category of repairs.
3. Choose realistic improvements for your selected rooms.
4. Track expenses on a budget worksheet (you'll need to justify your spending).
5. Present your plan to the owner. Use creative, descriptive setting words to describe the following:
 - What did you fix?
 - Why did you fix it?
 - How did you fix it? What options did you choose?
 - How much did you spend, per room?
 - How does it change the mood and atmosphere of the home?



Budget

1. Each team receives **\$65,000** to spend on renovations.
2. You must **repair at least four rooms** and **stay within your budget**.



Renovation Options—Prices are PER room or PER item

Miscellaneous Repairs

Option	Description	Cost
Pest control	Remove insects or rodents	\$600
Replace doors & handles	Improve appearance & function	\$1,000
Repair roof leak	Basic patching	\$2,500
Heating / A/C service	Tune-up or replace filters	\$2,000
Deep cleaning (entire house)	Professional service	\$2,000
Add security system	Modern cameras & sensors	\$3,500

Flooring

Option	Description	Cost per Room
Deep cleaning	Basic cleaning and surface repair	\$500
Carpet replacement	Soft flooring, multiple colors	\$2,000
Laminate flooring	Low-cost wood-look material	\$3,000
Tile flooring	Durable, easy to clean	\$4,000
Solid wood flooring	Premium hardwood installation	\$6,500

Walls & Paint

Option	Description	Cost per Room
Patch and repair holes	Small plaster and drywall fixes	\$800
Remove old wallpaper	Tear down, prep walls	\$1,200
Repaint (basic color)	Standard latex paint, neutral tone	\$2,000
Install new wallpaper	Choose decorative pattern	\$2,500
Accent wall (artistic/mural finish)	Adds modern design feature	\$3,500

Windows and Lighting

Option	Description	Cost per Room
Replace broken glass	Simple repair	\$300
Replace curtains or blinds	Simple upgrade	\$400
Add ceiling light fixture	Improves brightness	\$1,000
Replace bulbs with LED lighting	Energy-efficient option	\$1,200
Install new modern windows	Increases sunlight, removes bars	\$4,000
Skylight installation	Adds natural light from above	\$5,500

Kitchen Updates

Option	Description	Cost
New faucet	Modern chrome fixture	\$400
New sink	Stainless-steel single basin	\$800
New lighting	Pendant or under-cabinet	\$1,200
Laminate countertops	Economical surface	\$2,000
Tile countertops	Mid-range, classic style	\$2,500
New cabinets	Basic shaker style	\$3,000
Granite countertops	Durable, elegant stone	\$4,000
Quartz countertops	High-end modern surface	\$5,000
Marble countertops	Luxury finish	\$6,000

Bathroom Updates

Option	Description	Cost per Bathroom
New faucet	Updated design	\$250
New mirrors	Updated design	\$750
New toilet	Water-saving model	\$800
New sink	Porcelain or pedestal	\$1,000
New lighting	Over-mirror or ceiling light	\$1,200
New vanity	Cabinet and sink combo	\$2,000
New shower stall	Fiberglass or glass door	\$3,500
New bathtub	Modern clawfoot or built-in	\$4,000
Laminate countertop	Simple surface	\$1,500
Tile countertop	Classic, easy to clean	\$2,000
Granite countertop	Elegant stone	\$3,000
Marble countertop	Luxury material	\$4,500
Quartz countertop	High-end finish	\$5,000

Garden & Landscaping

Option	Description	Cost
Lawn mowing & cleanup	Basic landscaping	\$800
Paint porch & shutters	Freshen exterior	\$1,200
Replace fencing	Simple wooden fence	\$2,500
Add flowers & shrubs	Decorative landscaping	\$3,000
Build patio or gazebo	Outdoor relaxation space	\$6,000