## House Beautiful

## 27 Basement Remodeling Ideas That Make the Most of Your Space

From a speakeasy to a sauna.

A house with a basement can be a blessing and a curse. Yes, you have a whole extra floor of space that's perfect for miscellaneous <u>storage</u> and chill hangouts—if it's finished. But when you can still see the studs and the floor is a giant slab of cold, dirty concrete, a basement can feel like one more project to plan. It's definitely *not* cheap to <u>finish a basement</u>, but it's a worthwhile investment to make if you can. The more usable square footage your house has, the better—especially if you let our stylish basement remodeling ideas inspire you.

You don't have to commit to remodeling the basement all at once if you're not ready for it. Just renovating a portion of it will add value to your home, particularly if that portion includes an additional <u>full bathroom</u> or a spacious <u>laundry room</u>. No matter your budget or timeline, you can pull some inspiration from our basement remodel photos now to start planning the perfect space.

But before you start scrolling, picture your basement like a blank canvas. It could be a complete departure from the design style of the main part of your house. You could put it to fun use as a <a href="https://www.home.com/home-bar">home bar</a> with an exclusive vibe, like your very own speakeasy. It could be the ultimate <a href="home-office">home office</a> or <a href="hids">kids'</a> playroom</a>. It could have a walkout patio that blends into your backyard landscaping. There's so much potential—what you do with it is up to you.



## 13 Try a Beachy Theme

Whether you're lucky enough to live in a beach town or not, you can make your subterranean space a bright beach getaway. This basement by K+Co Living uses blue and light brown accents to create this coastal-style oasis.



## 14 Put in a Glass Garage Door

In the same coastal space,  $\underline{K+Co\ Living}$  used a glass garage door to let large amounts of light in and make the area feel bigger. Whether you transform your existing basement garage into a living area or add the door later on, this is such a convenient way to connect it with your backyard.