

DI When? 14m families are living with unfinished improvements... and some put up with it for longer than three years

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Never Ending Renovation Dramas: The most common home improvements that go unfinished involve kitchens and bathrooms...

Still not finished tiling the bathroom? Never got around to fixing that unpainted patch on the front door?

And is that new shed still just a pile of bricks in the back garden? Welcome to the club.

Around two-thirds of us are living with an unfinished home improvement project, a survey has found. The poll of more than 3,200 families highlights just how many of us embark on DIY that either goes wrong, falls apart or is never completed.

These projects, the subject of many a domestic disagreement, have been dubbed Never Ending Renovation Dramas, or Nerds. And some of us have to put up with them for more than three years.

The most common involve kitchens and bathrooms, according to the poll by RatedPeople.com, the online trade recommendation service.

Examples range from a half-fitted kitchen to painting two walls in a room but never getting around to the other two.

The researchers found these half-finished projects have a big impact on family life, affecting 61 per cent of Britons, equal to around 14million households.

They trigger arguments and can cause everything from insomnia to panic attacks. Those affected are often reluctant to invite guests because of the state of the house.

Asked what was preventing these projects being completed, householders blamed lack of time, a change in finances, lack of skills or disputes with neighbours over their plans.



Half-finished: According to research around 14 million households in the UK have incomplete DIY projects

Phil Spencer, the property guru and an ambassador for RatedPeople.com, said Never Ending Renovation Dramas were 'something that I witness far too frequently'.

He added: 'My advice is that you only take on projects you can realistically complete.'

The report found most householders took up to six months to fix the problem. But 16 per cent lived with it for more than three years.

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