



Carolina Home Exteriors



Sunroom Addition Planning Guide



This planning workbook from Carolina Home Exteriors walks you through smart ways to consult with a contractor, choose the right materials and styles, and design a sunroom that fits your lifestyle and budget.

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In This Guide, You'll Discover



How to choose the ideal sunroom for your home



Key Features that enhance comfort and efficiency



Steps and tips to budget for your dream sunroom

Start planning your perfect sunroom with confidence.

The sections below will walk you through each stage of the process—from initial planning and design choices to selecting materials and turning your ideas into reality. Click below to begin your journey.



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What's Your Vision For The Perfect Sunroom?



Relaxation

Let sunlight fill your personal retreat with warmth and tranquility.



Entertaining

Gather with friends in a space that's warm, bright, and made for making memories.



Dining

Savor your meals while taking in panoramic views.



Home Office

Work productively in a bright, sunlit sunroom office that inspires calm and focus.

And More...

When deciding if a sunroom is right for you, consider...



Climate

Pick the sunroom that suits your weather—three-season for milder temps, or four-season for year-round comfort.



Privacy

Consider the surrounding views and whether you'll need privacy solutions like blinds or landscaping.



Views

Enhance your sunroom experience by placing it where you can enjoy the natural beauty around your home.



Natural Light

Let the sunshine in—create bright spaces that lift your spirits and enhance your home.



Increased Home Value

Increase habitable space and elevate your home's curb appeal.



More Square Footage

Make room for what matters—whether it's relaxing, hosting friends, or just everyday life.



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Which Type of Sunroom is Right For You?

Sunrooms come in many styles, and selecting the right one depends on your needs, local climate, and intended use. Here's an overview of the most popular sunroom types:



Screen Rooms

Cost: \$\$

Financing: Yes

Weather: Sun

Protection: Insects

Seasons: Spring, Fall

Vinyl: No

Aluminum: Yes

Wood: No

Colors: White, Bronze



Viny Sunrooml

Cost: \$\$\$

Financing: Yes

Weather: Sun, Rain, Wind

Protection: Insects, Pollen

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Vinyl: Yes

Aluminum: Yes

Wood: No

Colors: White, Black, Bronze, Tan, Sandstone



Glass Sunroom

Cost: \$\$\$\$

Financing: Yes

Weather: All Weather

Protection: Insects, Pollen

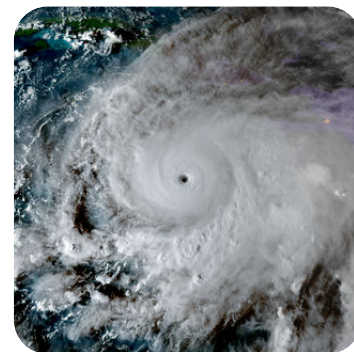
Seasons: Year Round

Vinyl: No

Aluminum: Yes

Wood: No

Colors: White, Bronze, Tan, Sandstone



Impact Resistant Glass

Cost: \$\$\$\$\$

Financing: Yes

Weather: All Weather + hurricanes

Protection: Insects, Pollen

Seasons: Year Round

Vinyl: No

Aluminum: Yes

Wood: No

Colors: White, Tan, Sandstone, Bronze

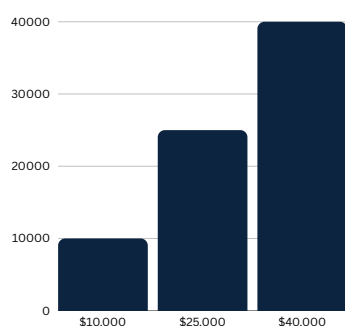


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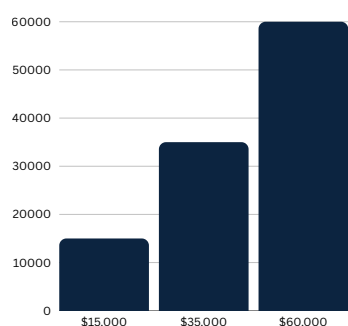
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What Will Your Sunroom Cost?

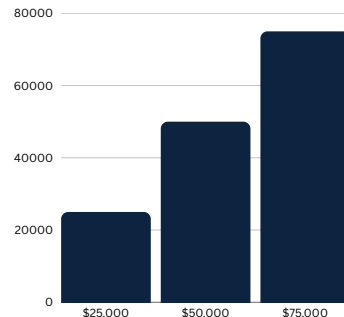
Building your dream sunroom begins with setting a realistic budget. From knowing common expenses to exploring financing options, here's everything you should consider:



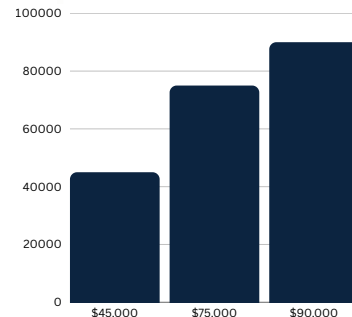
Screen Rooms



Vinyl Sunroom



4 Season Room



Impact Resistant

Factors Affecting Cost: A variety of factors can impact the overall cost of your sunroom project:

Size

Bigger sunrooms come with higher material and labor expenses.

Materials

Material choices—like aluminum, vinyl, or wood—affect both the cost and long-term durability of your sunroom.

Labor

Contractor pricing varies based on your location and the complexity of the project.

Features

Investing in energy-efficient windows, heating, and cooling increases upfront costs but enhances comfort and adds long-term value.

Roof Structure

The type of roof you choose influences durability, energy efficiency, and overall cost.

Type of Room

Choosing between a three-season and four-season sunroom impacts how you'll use the space—and how much you'll spend.

Foundation

Installing a new foundation increases costs, whereas using an existing one can help you save.

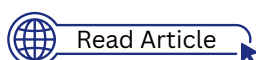
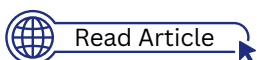
Glass

Double-pane and insulated glass come at a higher cost but significantly enhance energy efficiency.

Financing Options

Discover simple ways to save on your sunroom without cutting corners.

Visit our financing page to see flexible solutions tailored to your budget.



Tips For Staying On Budget

- #1** Get several estimates to ensure fair pricing and no surprises.
- #2** Choose options that reflect how you live and the weather in your area.
- #3** Account for potential extra costs like site prep or unforeseen issues during construction.



Pause and Consider: What is your budget?

The Journey To Your Dream Sunroom

Turning your sunroom vision into reality begins with a solid plan and the right team. By outlining each step from the start, you'll create a smooth, stress-free experience—with no surprises, just a clear path to enjoying your new space.

Plan

Define your goals and establish a budget.



Consultation

Schedule meetings with builders, talk through the details, and put this workbook to use.



Design & Hire

Talk with builders, go over your ideas, and follow along with this workbook.



Permits and Materials

The contractor takes care of permits and gets your materials on the way.



Site Prep

Clean up the space and get it prepped for the foundation.



Construction

Contractor builds your sunroom



Finishing Touches

Decorate Your Space



Enjoy Your New Sunroom



Tips For A Smooth Project

Pick A Contractor

Find a contractor who specializes in sunrooms, and be sure to check reviews, references, and licenses before you commit.

Communicate Clearly

Stay in touch with your contractor to keep everyone on the same page about timing, goals, and any changes along the way.

Prepare Your Space

Remove landscaping and other objects from the foundation area ahead of construction

Plan for The Unexpected

Set aside part of your budget for unexpected issues like water damage repairs or structural modifications.



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Company Comparison Worksheet

Selecting the right company is essential for a smooth, successful sunroom project. Use the guide below to compare your options and choose with confidence.

Key Factors To Consider Before Hiring

Service

Which services are provided, and which are excluded?

Liability

Are they covered with the proper licenses and insurance?

Warranty

Do they offer warranties on their work and materials, and how long do they last?

Financing

Do they provide flexible payment plans or financing, and what do the terms include?

Availability

When is their earliest start date, and what's the estimated project timeline?

Experience

Do they have years of experience with sunrooms—and what sets them apart?

Transparency

Do they offer transparent quotes that cover every expense upfront?

Communication

How will they keep you informed and answer your questions during the project?

Company	Service	Liability	Warranty	Financing	Availability
Carolina Home Exteriors	45 Years of experience in outdoor living	\$2M liability insurance \$1M Workers Comp	Manufacturer & Limited Lifetime Warranty	Financing options to fit any budget	Your Enclosure can be built within weeks from HOA Approval

Design Your Dream Sunroom

The design of your sunroom shapes how it blends with your home and fits your lifestyle. From choosing roof styles to selecting materials, here's everything you need to create the ideal space.

Roof Styles



Gable

A Classic roof with two slopes meeting at a center beam.

Pros: Timeless design, excellent drainage.

Cons: Slightly higher cost than simpler styles

Best For: Homes with pitched roofs looking for a cohesive aesthetic



Studio

A low-slope roof with a modern, minimalist look.

Pros: Budget-friendly, works with various home styles.

Cons: Limited visual impact compared to gable or solarium styles

Best For: Smaller spaces or contemporary homes.

Material Choices

Wood

Room Type: All kinds

Pros: High-end appeal

Cons: High cost, High maintenance, prone to moisture damage.

Best For: Luxury homes, traditional architecture.

Aluminum

Room Types: All Kinds

Pros: Affordable, strength, low maintenance, water resistant

Cons: Limited Color Options

Best For: Value-conscious homeowners.



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Make it Yours: Decorating and Personalizing Your Sunroom

Your sunroom should showcase your style while serving as a comfortable, welcoming place for relaxation and enjoyment. Here are some tips to help you design a sunroom that's truly your own.



Furniture and Layout Ideas

Multi-Purpose Seating: Use sofas or sectionals for lounging, or opt for stylish daybeds that double and guest sleeping spaces

Flexible Layouts: Incorporate movable furniture like ottomans or small tables to easily adapt the space for entertaining or quiet relaxation.

Dining Nooks: Add a bistro set or a farmhouse table for meals with a view.

Lighting Tips

Natural Light: Maximize sunlight with sheer curtains or blinds that filter light without blocking it entirely.

Accent Lighting: Use table lamps, pendant lights, or string lights to create a warm ambiance in the evening.

Dimmers: Install dimable lights for versatile lighting control throughout the day.



Plants and Decor

Bring The Outdoors In: Add potted plants, hanging greenery, or small indoor trees to create a seamless connection with the surrounding nature.

Seasonal Touches: Swap out throw pillows, rugs, and decor for seasonal colors and textures.

Personal Touches: Incorporate artwork, books, or family photos to make the space uniquely yours.



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the
Best!

Why Choose Carolina Home Exteriors?



45+ Years of Experience

With over 45 years of expertise in sunroom design and installation, we bring your vision to life.



Premium Materials

From energy-efficient glass to durable frames, we use the highest quality materials to ensure longevity and beauty.



Comprehensive Warranty

Enjoy peace of mind with our extensive warranties that cover materials and workmanship.



“We hired Carolina Homes Exteriors to install a sunroom with windows and doors, by enclosing our existing covered patio, and we couldn't be happier with the results. Since they were dealing with an existing structure, problems did arise, but they were very helpful in finding solutions for these issues. George, the site supervisor was always accessible and knowledgeable, and Justin, the project manager, was extremely helpful in finding answers for my concerns. Giannis, the installer, did excellent work, and we even hired him for an additional project, after our sunroom was finished. We are extremely happy with our new sunroom, and we highly recommend Carolina Homes Exteriors.”



This was a wonderful company to work with. John Lavina was very professional and thorough. I knew exactly what was going to happen and when and if there was a problem, he always contacted me immediately. The gentlemen who worked with him were also very friendly and professional. They cleaned up the area where they were working and that makes a huge difference to me. I would recommend this company to anyone.
- Denise Canant



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We're here to ensure your remodeling experience is smooth, stress-free, and exceptional.

At Carolina Home Exteriors, your satisfaction is at the heart of everything we do. We know that remodeling your home is a big decision, and we're here to guide you through it with clarity and care. If you have any questions or need more information, our team is always just a phone call or message away.



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