

How to Choose a Quality Plasterer

Professional plasterers are experts in their field. They can skim a wall, level a floor, render the exterior of your home, or create features such as, storage areas. So, when it comes to selecting the best plasterer for your job, you'll need to weigh up a few things first.

Once you've come to the decision that you need a plasterer for your job, as opposed to a do-it-yourself task (check out our previous blog if you're unsure about this), the safest, easiest, and most fail-safe way to do this is to ask friends, neighbors, and family, for recommendations. Tradespeople who come highly endorsed are more likely to do a good job for you too. For High Quality Services Visit: [House Rendering services Yorkshire](#)



If you can't find a good recommendation for a plasterer, the next step is to check online for reviews, profiles, and websites to see which plastering companies are local to you, are well-established, and offer what you require. Websites such as, Checkatrade hold information on thousands of tradespeople, enabling you to check their previous work, tidiness, reliability, and so on.

Once you have completed these initial steps, the following guide will help to ensure you get the best plasterer for your job:

1.Plastering Qualifications

There was a time when tradespeople learnt 'on the job', through being apprenticed to a master tradesman, but these days this is rare without a formal qualification running alongside the apprenticeship.

So, if you have found a plastering company that you think is suitable for your job, you should check what qualifications they hold. For plasterers, this would usually be a City & Guilds certificate, or an NVQ. If you can't find the information on their website, ask when you call, or email, your initial enquiry.

Not everyone has professional qualifications, and it isn't always a measure of their skill, or competence, but it does offer a certain degree of peace of mind.

2.Specialist Plastering Services

If you require a specialist plastering service check that the company you select can deal with this. If your home is a listed building there are regulations that require certain materials to be used in renovation, or redecoration, so ensure your plasterer is aware of what is required from them.

When making initial contact with a plasterer be clear about your requirements, and expectations, and clearly convey these to the plasterer. This will give them greater insight, and ensure you are all working from the same page.

3.Plastering Quotes

All professional plasterers should offer a quotation before undertaking any work for you. If your job is a small one this can occasionally be completed through use of photos, and information contained in emails, or verbally over the phone, but this is generally considered an estimate, as opposed to a guaranteed quote for the job. However, the majority of quotes should be given once the job has been viewed, in person, by the plastering company. This quote should ideally be broken down for you, but if you need clarification, ask your plasterer to explain what is included. Check information like; are materials, labour, waste removal, VAT, insurance, and so on, included in the price?

Always remember to get more than one quote where possible. And, compare what each quote offers. The cheaper option may not always be the best, as the quote may not include all elements, so ensure quotes are directly comparable.

4.Hiring your Chosen Plasterer

Before you select your chosen plasterer you should have thoroughly researched their previous work, received a written quote, and compared them to their competitors. Once this is done, you can then confirm job timescales, how, and when, payment should be made, and check any credentials such as, insurance documents.

A good plasterer won't mind enquiries about what happens if things don't go to plan, or how problems will be managed.

5.Paying your Plasterer

Professional plasterers rarely ask for any payment upfront. On occasions it may be necessary to request a deposit, but this should never be more than 25% of the quote.

If the job covers an extended period of time it is usual to pay for work completed each week, or month, as work progresses, but again, this should not be paid upfront.

Final payments should not be made until you are satisfied with the completed job.

These tips won't guarantee that you hire the best plasterer for your job, but will give some general idea of their professionalism, work standards, and ethics.