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Elise and Dean's First Renovation Deal

Steve McKnight: Now, everyone has their first deal and there's normally a lot of emotion surrounding the first deal because it's exciting and new and unknown. Tell me about your first reno.

Dean Parker: Yeah, the first reno was a three-bedroom, one-bathroom brick veneer house on a slab that Elise and I purchased. It was a couple who unfortunately had separated halfway through a reno so good chances are the reno and living in the reno or in the house while renovating probably didn't help them out there. But it was a mess and like the kitchen had been ripped out. The girl was actually still living in there and half the tiles had been ripped out. And apart from the bathroom and the bedroom, pretty much everything else was a mess.

So that one took us about eighteen months. We learned to definitely not live in a house while you're renovating it 'cause it just takes forever and you just get dust and you spend more time cleaning up than you actually do renovating. But yeah, it was just a long process and we learned a lot along the way.