



# 6 TIPS

## Before Hiring a Contractor

- 1** Verify with the Contractors State Licensing Board that any contractor you are considering is licensed by visiting [cslb.ca.gov](http://cslb.ca.gov) or by calling **800-321-CSLB (2752)**.
- 2** Contact Manor Alterations at [alterations@vms.org](mailto:alterations@vms.org) or **949-597-4616** to confirm whether your proposed alteration requires a mutual consent.
- 3** Secure at least three bids from contractors and check their references. Online resources include:
  - [homeadvisor.com](http://homeadvisor.com)
  - [thumbtack.com](http://thumbtack.com)
  - [porch.com](http://porch.com)
- 4** Obtain a paper copy of the contract.
- 5** Beware contractor-endorsed financing.
- 6** Resist pressure to waive your five-day right to cancel.

Learn more at [bit.ly/ContractorHires](http://bit.ly/ContractorHires)