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8. "Move your sink? Let's not and say we did."

A plumber may tell you that moving certain fixtures can't be done. But despite a few exceptions, such as moving a toilet, which is admittedly complicated, in most cases it's doable, says Beaufort, S.C.-based architect Jane Frederick. It just requires some extra parts and a willingness to spend a little more time and money on a job.

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When faced with a reluctant plumber, spend a few more minutes asking him to explain why your wishes aren't possible; ask specifically about special parts that might be required. If, for example, the reason he cites against moving a bathtub is the distance between the tub's drain and a pipe, the problem may be fixed by rerouting the piping or relocating a fixture, Frederick says. If your plumber says specialized parts are necessary, offer to find and pick them up yourself, and offer to reschedule the appointment. A demonstrated willingness on your part to help out a plumber with a more involved task

gives him the incentive to tackle the job; so will your willingness to pay a little extra for the additional steps required.

A general rule of thumb: If the room you're making changes to is on the first floor or in the basement, moving any appliance will likely be easier. First floors tend to have a crawl space underneath, offering easy access to the plumbing, and in basements pipes are often exposed, making work easier.

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water heaters, for example, and there are many more toilet varieties than there once were, with different kinds of flushing mechanisms. If you have a special problem, or have fixtures or plumbing that is somehow out of the ordinary, say so up front. That way, the plumber will know if he needs to bring another expert to the job or needs a little extra time to brush up.