



COMMON QUESTIONS

Is hiring someone to design and renovate a space a tremendous amount?

Your home is your greatest investment. Of course everyone prioritizes spending in their home differently. Whether you have an older, a new or a temporary home, all benefit from a better use of space or an upgrade renovation. The best part about defining your surroundings is you will enjoy your home, enhance your space and increase property value. Think of an initial consultation as a mutual interview process that will help you start an enduring relationship.

Working with a designer is a smart way to plan your project(s), create a functional interior, save you time and access to talented professional trade labor. Longevity in design and the vast resources available to you will also save you money. The work is far more than color selection and furniture arrangement. You gain a personal scout and buyer for the materials and furnishings, a negotiator and quality inspector for contractor work, as well as floor plans, the right material choices, lighting layouts, detailed drawings, elevation perspectives all which will be required for contract labor to perform their jobs.

Does providing a budget number make a difference?

The starting foundation of any project is an initial budget. The budget will ultimately work as a benchmark to avoid overspending. It is very important to share the amount you wish to spend on any project whether large or small. Every project has a variance in costs and it effects the selection of materials and products. It is best to work within a realistic approach in order to calculate costs while having a cushion for the unexpected (what's behind the wall, upgrade materials, furnishings, freight/shipping, labor and consulting fees). The budget can stretch further when you consider designer savings on most materials, furniture, art and "to-the-Trade" items.

Your needs are in consideration for what is worth the expense and where to save. The concept plans will prioritize every aspect in order to maximize the budget. It is important to know that usually every part of the design concept is not completed at one time. A long-term plan can be implemented to create a time line for additional phases and costs. Dividing large projects into phases will ease budgets and implementation.

Will I keep control of what I really want in the project?

We collaborate with you and work to meet your wishes. The importance of working together will yield an end result that is expected. Most spaces work with a budget, a space plan, specific color palette and furnishings. A concept design is created to start discussion, provide ideas, specifications and details for your interior. All of the ideas along with samples are shared and reviewed before gaining your approval. In most cases, items that are procured will be loaned for decisions and final approval. The excitement of following each phase as it develops from idea to fruition is worth the wait because it is something planned and typically better than you ever expected.

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