



## Questions Your Designer May Ask You.

The evolution of a successfully designed project lays largely in a good plan. As your potential Interior Designer, I will take this opportunity to explain; there are many aspects of a project to consider, such as the function, wise use of space, the desired atmosphere and the creation of a visually stunning environment - engaging the senses and inspiring your perception. Blending all of that together, is to say the least; a challenge. A good interior designer will ask a lot of questions to ensure that your design solutions will bring your space to higher levels of function and enjoyment! As a client, you should be ready with answers to those questions. That is your part in reaching the ultimate goal - the evolution of the superbly designed environment you desire. Ask yourself the following questions and be prepared to communicate your answers as clearly as possible to you Designer.

1. **How will I be using this space most of the time?** Will it be a room for activity, for relaxing, for working or perhaps a studio? Consider how it will be used for the majority of the time.
2. **What other uses might I want to include in this space?** If secondary uses are planned for this room, list them as well. Areas for different uses must be incorporated into the plan from the beginning.
3. **Will this be a high traffic area, and if so, how do I envision people moving through this space?** Study the location of this space to determine if it can be used as you would like without interrupting a natural traffic flow of your overall space. For example, designing a sun room sitting area that can only be accessed through the master bedroom may not be ideal if you plan to use the room for entertaining.
4. **Will the overall plan include other rooms as well?** If ultimately you want the project to include changes to other rooms, those changes should be laid out in the beginning even if the actual work is to be done at a later date.
5. **What type of lighting do I want or need in this space?** Do I need bright lights for games and activity, warm subtle light for quiet times, or perhaps some of each?
6. **Will I need additional mechanical elements such as electrical, heating or plumbing?** These aspects tend to be costly and in some cases structurally impossible to install. It's best to know right from the start if that's the case.
7. **Will I need special noise reduction or sound enhancement elements incorporated into the design?** For example, for a home theatre you may want to consider using materials that provide for better sound quality.
8. **Do I want and, and is it possible to add extra windows or doors?** You may want a window for enjoying beautiful sunsets but the room must be able to accommodate them.
9. **What kind of feeling do I want the space to have?** Here's where paint color, fabrics and textiles can be used in different ways to create the perfect mood for the room.
10. **What is my total budget for the project?** It's easy to get carried away when creating a dream space. Know your limit and stay within it.

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