

DESIGN PREPARATION

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5 TIPS TO HELP YOU GET READY TO WORK WITH AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

Get a head start and be prepared when your designer comes over for your first consultation.

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You've finally made the decision, you want a new look for your room and made the call to an interior designer. What can you do to make sure you are prepared and ready for your first meeting? Here are my top 5 tips to help you get ready to work with your interior designer and make sure your first design meeting gets off to a great start!

Tip No. 1- Take time to evaluate your space. See what is working for you and what isn't, then write it down. Make a list of all the things you would love to add or the things you would like to take away. Maybe you need more lighting, or perhaps you have a large collection that is taking over your room. You might have to add storage and more lighting in this case to fix these issues. Having them handy on a list for your designer will ensure you don't forget something that is important to you.

Tip No. 2- Make sure your space is clutter free and picked up. When your designer comes to visit one of the things he or she will need to

do is take measurements as well as before photos of your space. It is very helpful and will be much easier for him or her to move around the room if it is picked up and clutter free. When getting measurements, the designer will have to follow the walls making their way around the room, measuring your doors, windows, etc. They may also have to measure your furniture pieces. A clean de-cluttered room will also photograph nicely and help the designer see elements of the architecture that can help aid in the architectural drawing process.

Tip No. 3- Create a Home Board on Pinterest. You can join Pinterest for free and create an account. Once you have your account you can create one or more digital design boards to collect ideas for

your space that you love. You can search for specific topics like dining rooms in the search bar and then add any rooms that you like. In the comments section of each pin you can add a comment like: (Love this rug) to help you remember what you liked about the pin. You can pay attention to fabric, colors, wall treatments, flooring, lighting every aspect of the design. This is a very helpful thing to share with your designer as they are very visual. It will give the designer great ideas about your style, likes and taste. By adding some design boards on Pinterest, it will help you feel prepared for your design meeting.

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Tip No. 4- Make a list of the things you love and the things you don't like. For example, if you hate plaid, your designer wants to know. If you love floral chintz fabric this is also a great thing to share. Maybe you only want Feng Shui furniture arrangements, or only organic green products in your home. The more detailed information your designer can obtain from you, the better they get to know you, the better they can serve you by creating your custom design.

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Tip No. 5- Know your budget. Finally, my last tip to help you be very prepared for your first design meeting, is to know your budget. Your designer needs a realistic budget amount for your room or project. It is important that you be very honest and discuss with him or her how much you are prepared to spend on your project. This will help make sure you both are on the same page and that expectations are clear. With the budget in mind, the designer can help set up different options in your price point to help you best achieve your design goals.

FINAL THOUGHTS

By taking the time to prepare these items for your designer, you will help ensure a successful first meeting. You will not only help save time for both you and the designer, but make the process go more smoothly because you will have an idea of what you like and don't. Your space will be ready for the design measurements, the designer will get to see your design inspiration photos, and with the budget amount secured you'll be ready to get the project started! Click here to sign up for my free newsletter>>.

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Nine years ago, I received my education for design and art by training and graduating with a degree in Interior Design from American River College in Sacramento, California. My design inspiration comes from: great architecture, European design, the colors in nature, and my appreciation of detailed patterns. I have always had a passion for art, design and creating. What I love about design is each new project presents an opportunity for me to create a custom design for my clients.

