



6 THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE HIRING A DESIGNER

Interior Design is more than just paint chips, pillows and window treatments.. in fact the process of any interior design project is most successful when the designer and the client are transparent and collaborative.

To encourage that transparent and collaborative effort, I have gathered a list of 6 things that you should consider before you hire an interior designer, so that you are prepared to have initial conversations and get started off on the right foot!

- What is your budget for this project?
 - Knowing your budget allows us both to have realistic expectations.
 - Your budget will help to determine the Scope of Work, the material cost and any other budget items involved in your specific project
 - It will inevitably help to keep everyone on the same page as the project moves forward.
- What is your timeline?
 - Flexibility is a key in redesign and major renovations.
 - An understanding of the design process will help to put your insecurity or uncertainty at ease as you know what to expect when things don't always go according to plan.
- Do you have specific ideas or inspiration for the space?
 - A snapshot of your taste is extremely helpful to the designer when beginning to create a design board or plan
 - A better alignment with the designer's style and taste will help the relationship moving forward and make the process a smoother one for all involved.
- How involved do you want to be in the decision making process?
 - A hands off approach still requires some communication
 - How you work helps the designer to communicate his/her process best
 - An adequate understanding of the process will help to keep everyone at ease as each phase comes in to play.
- Have you worked with a designer before?
 - Was the designer difficult to work with/communicate with?
 - Conversations about past projects can help future work be more successful.
- Who will be the primary decision maker for the project?
 - One main point of contact is most helpful for communication purposes.
 - Knowing who will sign off on invoices and making decisions will allow for a smoother process all around.

Ready to take the next step? Let me know a little bit about you and let's get the process moving!