

NEW CUSTOM HOME DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE



WELCOME!

Designing and building your own custom home is a fun and exciting experience, but it can also be overwhelming and stressful for those who are new to the process. To make things easier, we’ve created this list of questions to help you start thinking about what your home will look like. In this design questionnaire, we’ll break it down room by room to get you thinking about how each space will look and function to match your needs.

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BIG IDEAS

How long do you plan to live in this home? _____

What size do you think the home should be? _____

How did you arrive at that size? _____

Where would you like to build your home? What neighborhoods or parts of town are you looking in? Do any of these have HOA covenants we need to be aware of while designing? _____

Do you need help with finding land? _____

How high ceilings on each floor? _____

finished space: _____ sq. ft.

stories: _____

decks/patios: _____

unfinished space

porches: _____

additional space: _____

(basement, attic): _____ sq. ft.

garage: _____

How important is energy efficiency? _____

Are you interested in "green" certification? _____

Architectural style preference? _____

Formal or relaxed atmosphere? _____

Important views (street, yard, downtown)? _____

Artwork / key furniture pieces? _____

Garage – size / location / attached / detached / workshop / storage? _____

Aging in place: Is this something you're concerned with or thinking about? _____

Members in the household - children / parents / pets? _____

Frequency and number of guests? _____

Privacy and separation requirements? _____

Number of bedrooms? _____

Master bedroom location: 1st/2nd floor? _____ Front or back? _____

Number of bathrooms? _____

What is your targeted budget range? _____

GREAT ROOM OR FAMILY ROOM



- Is this room open to other areas or self-contained? _____
- Is there a separate formal living room or den? _____
- Will this room be used for entertaining? _____
- How many people should be able to be seated comfortably? _____
- Do you watch TV in this room? _____
- Do you have existing furniture or a key furniture piece? _____
- Do you want a fireplace in this room? _____
- Are there important exterior views? _____

HOME OFFICE OR LIBRARY



- Where should this room be located? _____
- Do you work from home? (yes or no) How often? _____
- Will you welcome customers here? _____
- Who uses this space? _____
- Will you use a computer here? _____
- Do you watch TV here? _____
- Will you have a wet bar or wine cooler here? _____
- Do you prefer file cabinets or nice furniture? _____

DINING

- Do you prefer separate rooms for formal and family dining? _____
- How often do you use this room(s)? _____
- How many people do you need to seat? _____
- How big is your table? _____
- Is this room open to the kitchen or other areas? _____
- Will dinnerware be stored in this room? _____
- Do you need space to put serving dishes during meals? _____
- Do diners serve themselves in this room or the kitchen? _____



KITCHEN

Do you entertain in your kitchen? _____

Should the kitchen be open to other areas of the house? _____

What other areas of the house would you like to be visible? _____

List the activities that frequently take place in your kitchen. _____

What do you keep in your pantry? _____

Do you have cabinets that display dishes that you seldom use? _____

Where should the main sink and cooking areas be located? _____

Do you need a secondary prep sink? _____

Do you have important exterior views? _____

What appliances would you like? Check all that apply.

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> refrigerator(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> range | <input type="checkbox"/> trash and recycle bins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> freezer | <input type="checkbox"/> stove | <input type="checkbox"/> wine/drink fridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> refrigerated drawers | <input type="checkbox"/> sink(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cooktop | <input type="checkbox"/> garbage disposal(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> microwave | <input type="checkbox"/> dishwasher(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wall ovens
(one or two) | <input type="checkbox"/> trash compactor | |

Where would you like the microwave? (over counter, under counter, in pantry)

Would you like a drink/coffee bar? _____

BUTLER'S PANTRY

Do you require a butler's pantry? _____

Will you store dishes or serving pieces here? _____

Do you require additional appliances? (i.e. extra dishwasher, extra fridge)

Wine storage? _____

LAUNDRY ROOM

Where should the laundry room be located? _____

What would you like in this room or area? Check all that apply.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> clothes washers/dryers
1 or 2 sets?
top or front loading? | <input type="checkbox"/> clothing and
seasonal storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sink/drip-dry area | <input type="checkbox"/> crafts and projects/work and storage
area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> folding/counter space | |

Where do you iron your clothes? _____

When do you do the laundry? _____

Do you ever hang your laundry on a line outdoors? _____

MUD ROOM

Will you use this space as a drop-off zone? _____

What would you like in this room or area? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cubby holes and personal storage
spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> drop zone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fridge/freezer | <input type="checkbox"/> bench |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dog wash/pet food/litter box | |

Would you like everything enclosed (i.e. lockers)? or open (cubbies & hooks)?

POWDER BATH

Does this bath have a shower? _____

Will this be used by outdoor guests and need exterior access? _____

Would you like a pedestal sink or a cabinet? _____

MASTER BEDROOM



Where should this room be located? (1st/2nd floor/front or back) _____

How big should this room be? _____

What size bed do you have? _____

What other furniture should be in this room? _____

Do you watch TV in this room? _____

Do you want a sitting area? _____

Fireplace? _____

Access to exterior space? _____

Private exterior space? _____

MASTER BATHROOM



Is this a shared space or would you like separate zones? _____

Should his and hers sinks be in separate locations? _____

Do you want a separate bathtub? _____

How big should the shower be? _____

Would you like a separate toilet compartment? _____

What special features would you like in your bathroom? Check all that apply:

body sprays

hand wand in shower

rainshower head

steam shower

curbless shower

other _____

MASTER CLOSET AND DRESSING

How much closet space do you need? _____

Is this a shared space or would you like separate zones? _____

Do the closet(s) open off the bedroom or the bathroom? _____

Where do you get dressed: closet / dressing area / bedroom? _____

Do you want furniture in your closet or dressing area? _____

MASTER CLOSET AND DRESSING (cont.)

Are there any special requirements for your dressing area? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> washer and dryer | <input type="checkbox"/> safe or hidden compartments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ironing board | <input type="checkbox"/> shoe rack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> seasonal clothing storage | <input type="checkbox"/> drawers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> special storage needs -
luggage/jewelry/shoes/suits | |

GUEST SUITE

Where is this room located? _____

How big should this room be? _____

How often do you have guests? _____

How long do they stay? _____

How comfortable do you want them to be? _____

Should there be a private entrance? _____

Who should the guest accommodations be designed for? Check all that apply.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> aging parent | <input type="checkbox"/> grandchildren | <input type="checkbox"/> snore sanctuary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> young adult | <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-town visitor | |

Do your guests have accessibility needs? _____

How much closet space is needed? _____

Does this room have a private bath? _____

What plumbing fixtures are needed - tub / shower / dual sinks? _____

Can the bathroom open to the hallway or be shared with another room? _____

SECONDARY BEDROOMS

How many secondary bedrooms do you need? _____

Where should the secondary bedrooms be located? (1st/2nd floor/near master)

How big should these rooms be? _____

Are these rooms occupied on a regular basis? _____

How much closet space is needed? _____

SECONDARY BATHROOMS

These bathrooms should be: private / shared / open to a hallway? _____

Should these bathrooms be compartmentalized? _____

What plumbing fixtures are needed in tub / shower? _____

Do you want tile surrounds for the tub/shower? _____

BASEMENT



Do you want a finished / unfinished basement? _____

If yes, do you want...

- home theater
- rec. space
- wet bar
- exercise/home gym
- guest bedroom
- unfinished storage
- wine cellar
- other: _____

How high ceilings? (8 / 9 / 10 ft.) _____

PATIOS AND COVERED TERRACES

Do you want outdoor living spaces that feel like they are part of the house? _____

Do you prefer raised wood decks, ground-level concrete or paver patios?

How will you use your outdoor living spaces? Check all that apply.

- entertaining friends and family
- outdoor cooking
- open the house up when weather permits

What features do you want to include in this area? Check all that apply.

- fireplace or fire pit
- summer kitchen
- TV and/or music
- outdoor living furniture
- outside shower
- outdoor dining

GARAGE

How many cars do you do you want to keep in your garage? _____

Do you work on your own cars? _____

How much storage space do you need? _____

Will you use this space for other purposes? Check all that apply.

- workshop
- storage
- multi-purpose overflow
- catering setup

Does this space need to be heated? _____

Do you require lawn equipment storage? Other outdoor storage? _____

ADDITIONAL ROOMS AND STORAGE

Check all that apply.

- home theater or recreation room
 - homework or study space
 - outdoor spaces: garden shed/summer kitchen
 - workshop/crafts/gift wrapping
 - seasonal storage
 - exercise
 - third floor/loft
 - additional storage needs
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THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUESTIONS

How do you imagine your home will look as someone approaches? Is there a dominant first impression or feel? Are there elements that should be hidden from view, such as the garage doors?

How do you want your porches to feel? Should the front entry be dramatic or do you prefer inviting or cozy? How about a place where you can escape and be alone or an area where you gather with friends?

Have you considered an outdoor living or dining space? Would you like a sports bar environment? Do you prefer spaces w/dark wood or bright light with white trim?

What "stuff" do we need to incorporate into the design? Do you have a piano or other furniture pieces that we need to know about? Do you have artwork or family photos to display?

Anything else you'd like to share with us?

Be prepared to discuss your preferences for appliances, automobiles and windows, and bring any magazines or books you have for inspiration. Our goal is to stimulate thought and inspire fresh ideas. You may find the process enlightening!

READY TO DISCUSS YOUR DREAM HOME?

Let us know when you'd like to talk.

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