



your guide to working with an
interior designer



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INTRODUCTION

beautiful homes don't just happen, they are created

Our homes are where we spend our time, it's where we write our story. It's our goal to help you make your home beautiful, functional, peaceful and enjoyable - creating the best possible backdrop for you to live your life.

Working with a professional interior designer may be a big step, but can ultimately deliver a result far beyond what you imagined, infusing value into your home on the way.



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Your home is where you spend your time, it's where you write your story. We love designing spaces that echo what you value, remind you of your journey and restore you for the days ahead - always with style & edge

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WHAT SERVICES DOES AN INTERIOR DESIGNER PROVIDE?

When you engage an interior designer, you're benefiting from our trained eye for design, attention to detail, professional advice and inspiring ideas. We believe in creating a clear vision for your home, realising this through a considered colour and finishes palette, followed by the curation and procurement of all furniture and furnishings.



DESIGN CONCEPT

Creating a vision

phase one

Beginning with understanding you, your family, your style and your way of life. We create a clear vision and design direction for your home, presenting you with a colour palette, reference imagery and key materials to create a visual language for the project.

SPECIFICATIONS

Selection of the best finishes, fixtures & fittings

phase two

Working with you and your architect to recommend and select specific materials for both the exterior and interior of your home, creating a cohesive scheme including:

- Exterior finishes and colour selections
- Interior finishes and colour selections
- Hard fit out selections, including flooring and tiles
- Kitchen
- Bathroom and plumbing
- Feature lighting

FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS

Curating & procuring furniture & furnishings

phase three

Sourcing and selecting all the pieces that turn a house into your home. Creating specific design recommendations for each space unique to you and your home, including specifying furniture, furnishings, fabrics, window treatments, cushions, artwork, linen and accessories. This includes space planning and then dedicated resource to manage the full procurement and delivery process.



THE DESIGN PROCESS

Every interior designer will use a slightly different process, but in our experience we've found that a clear and simple one works best for our clients and provides the best results.





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MEET

It starts with conversation - meeting with you onsite to discuss your brief and determine the scope of work. We learn about you, your family, your style and your way of life. And your vision for your home - your desired design direction, wishlist, timeframe and project budget. This initial consultation appointment is usually 90 minutes to 2 hours and is very much a working appointment where provide you with clarity and direction for your project.

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PROPOSAL

We uniquely tailor a fee proposal based on the refined scope of work, based on the estimated amount of time required to meet your brief. This is approved by you prior to commencement of work.

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STYLE CONCEPT

The first glimpse of our shared vision for your home - a visual presentation of our approach and design direction, including colour palette, reference imagery and key materials to create a visual language for the project.

We meet to present a concept board and discuss our thinking

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SPECIFICATIONS

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- hard fit out selections, including flooring and tiles
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FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS

Sourcing and selecting all the pieces that turn a house into your home. We curate the best pieces for each space, favouring quality over quantity and custom pieces where required, always tailoring the finishes and detailing. Creating specific design recommendations for each space unique to you and your home, including specifying furniture, furnishings, fabrics, window treatments, cushions, artwork, linen and accessories. This includes space planning and then dedicated resource to manage the full procurement and delivery process.

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DESIGN MANAGEMENT

We work with a network of proven trade suppliers to take care of the time-intensive procurement process for all the products, furniture and furnishings for your home, creating all the necessary purchase orders, tracking the status on each item and ensuring they're delivered at the right time for your project plan.

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INSTALLATION & STYLING

A favourite part of any project, we can coordinate the final placement of pieces, the zhoooshing and the styling. It's fair to say we've always invested a big part of ourselves in each project, so we love to ensure the end result is as perfect as it has been in our mind's eye.



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Kirsten created spaces in our home which we adore and find so much pleasure in

- Sally & Derek

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THE TIMELINE OF INTERIOR DESIGN

consultation

We always start our design process with a one to two hour in-home consultation to learn as much as we can about you, your desired design direction and your wishlist. We also cover off loads of practical details like on-site measurements, budgets and timeframes.



weeks 3-4

This is the ideas phase where we start dreaming and scheming the big picture direction for your home, creating an initial design direction. We then meet to present and discuss our recommendations.



weeks 10-20

After all the details have been approved, we get to work placing orders with our suppliers. We work with them persistently on your behalf to ensure you can enjoy these beautiful pieces as soon as possible, but please note that custom pieces usually take around ten weeks to create by hand especially for you.



week 2

We then respond with a detailed scope of work and fee proposal.



weeks 5-9

We then work on all the details for your home, whether this be the build specifications or furniture and furnishing recommendations to create a home you'll absolutely love. We meet with you to present all that we've curated on your behalf, including costings.



and then forever

The end result will be a home you and your family love - and your friends too!

For us, the best reward is seeing you fall head-over-heels in love with your home.

7 REASONS TO USE AN INTERIOR DESIGNER



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CREATING A VISION

Are you struggling to see the finished look you're aiming for with your renovation or build project? An interior designer can help you create or clarify a clear vision for your home and pinpoint your style. This helps making the myriad of design decisions throughout the project so much easier - you will have a clear vision and frame of reference for all the choices you will make.

2

SAVING YOU TIME

The range choices can be overwhelming. Solid wood, engineered timber or composite wood floors? What splash back will match my other kitchen finishes? Which white is the right white paint? There are literally hundreds of decisions to make during a renovation or building project. A professional interior designer knows what products are available, what works and what doesn't. We make it easy for you, presenting two or three options for each finish or furnishing. Behind the scenes we will have often searched through a myriad of possibilities to come up with the selections that are right for you and your home. We source the best options for you, removing the headache from the decision making process.

3

MAKING YOUR BUDGET GO FURTHER

An interior designer knows how to get you the best quality for your money and the best items for your budget. As a recognised interior designer studio with established trade suppliers, we are able to provide clients with below-retail pricing. It's a win win - your pieces will be designer-sourced and of the best quality - at less cost than if you brought them yourself.

4

AVOID COSTLY MISTAKES

We've all been there - making the fatal mistake of walking into a store and falling in love with a piece of furniture without fully taking into consideration how it's going to work in our space. An interior designer can help you prevent costly mistakes by guiding you to confidently make the right choices for your home. Your home is your investment - you want to get it right.



5 UNIQUE SOURCES

As professional interior designers, we have access to a world of “trade only” suppliers, rather than buying items designed for the masses from chain-store retailers. Most of our suppliers don’t sell directly to the public, so your pieces won’t be the same as everyone else - they will be high quality, designer-sourced pieces chosen specifically for you and your home.

6 CUSTOMISATION

If an interior designer can’t find just the right piece for your home, we have it created for you. We work with trusted suppliers to produce the perfect piece for you. This is often the case with sofas and occasional chairs - we can tailor the fabric, style, size, configuration and comfort specifically for your home and your lifestyle, creating something that you will absolutely love for many many years to come.

7 A HOME YOU LOVE

The end result will be a space you and your family love - and a home that your friends will love too! The style, finishings and furnishings have been chosen with care from trusted, quality suppliers and selected specifically for you, your family and your lifestyle. Enough said!

TIPS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR INITIAL CONSULTATION

show us what you like

It's super helpful if you have visual examples to show us like images from magazines, Pinterest boards or even photos from our own Instagram page or website. Even if you don't know why you like them, we'll start to see patterns emerging.

know your priorities

Be sure to communicate any non-negotiables, deadlines or constraints. And be clear on what's most important to you - think about price, timings, convenience, looks, quality, durability, New Zealand designed and made.

how do you want to use your space?

We will want to know about your lifestyle, how you live in your home and what you want the end result to be.

communicate your budget

It's often difficult to pin down a specific budget for a project, but if you have budget parameters in mind, be sure to communicate them and it will be our responsibility to ensure you receive the best quality for your money and the best items for your budget.

get your interior designer on board as soon as possible

We always recommend bringing on an interior design up front when you're beginning a project - even at planning stage. Creating a clear design vision from the outset will save you time, money and quite a few headaches!

trust your designer!

Remember why you engaged us - for our vision and ability to make that vision a reality. We think being a part of creating your home is a pretty special privilege - and one we take seriously. Rest assured that we'll work as hard as we can to create a home you absolutely love.



CONTACT US

We'd love to work with you to create a home you absolutely love. Contact us now to book your initial consultation.



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