

# WORKING *with* INTERIOR DESIGNERS

HERE'S HOW TO PREPARE



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# hello there!

I'm Keri Petersen, Owner &  
Lead Designer of Seattle-  
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KP Spaces.

I'm so excited to see that you're ready to start working with an Interior Designer! I've put together this mini guide to help you prepare for your upcoming design project.

## And remember...

Design shouldn't be stressful! Let us take on the heavy lifting so you can sit back and enjoy all the fun stuff. And don't worry- we have trusted network of tradespeople, contractors, and vendors to help us make all the design magic happen.

*Keri Petersen*



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# checklist

*Use this checklist as a guide when preparing to work with an interior designer*

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## Determine your goals

- What do you want out of your space? What are your needs?
- What is working for you? What's not working for you?
- How do you want to feel in your finished space? (calm, productive, inspired, etc.)

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## Decide your priorities

- Do you have the desire, time and budget for a whole house remodel, or is it more important to just start with updating the kitchen?
- Is it your dream to have a designer furnish, accessorize and style your whole home from top to bottom? Or do you have a few existing furniture pieces and family heirlooms that you want to keep for your new space?

*Note: These priorities don't have to be set in stone, and your designer can help you navigate them.*

*Coming up with a general list will help guide the discussion during your first meeting with your designer!*

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## Come up with a general timeline

- Every project is unique, but creating a design plan usually takes between 6-16 weeks. Once started, the execution phase can last anywhere from 4-12 months, depending on the project scope.
- With this information in mind, can you jot down an ideal start date and end date?
- Do you have any major life events happening over the next several months or year (i.e. a wedding, an extended overseas vacation, etc.)? All of these things are worth mentioning to your designer, as they might impact the design process and execution timeline.

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## Set your budget

- How much are you willing to spend to create your finished dream space? Come up with a rough budget of what you're prepared to invest in the project. *Note: your project budget will be separate from the designer's fee.*

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## Start your Idea Books/Pinterest/Houzz

- Start setting up a Pinterest or Houzz board with inspiration images.
- Just start pinning pictures of rooms, vignettes or pieces that you're drawn to. It could be a color palette, an interesting light fixture, or an entire house that you like the look of. This is a great time to think of any design must-haves or dislikes.
- Your inspiration board doesn't need to be perfectly curated or have a consistent design style - it can be filled with an assortment of images and ideas that speak to you. Have fun with it!

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## Come up with your list of questions

- Prepare a list of any questions you might have about the design or construction process.

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## Have an open mind

- During the construction phase you should always expect the unexpected. There is always something a contractor will uncover that may impact the execution of the design.
- Having a designer on site will help you navigate these unexpected bumps in the road, because they can advise and pivot towards solutions that keep the design intent intact.

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## Trust the process and have fun with it!

- ♥ Creating your dream space with your designer is fun!
- ♥ While designers take their jobs seriously, it's important that everyone involved not only enjoys the final product, but also every step along the way.
- ♥ At KP Spaces, we're your trusted design advisors - know that we're applying all of our design expertise and experience of working with hundreds of clients, to ensure you get the very best space for YOU.

*At KP Spaces, we believe wholeheartedly in the transformative power of design.*



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