

# GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DESIGN SESSION



## Getting Ready for Your First Design Appointment

Meeting with your designer is one of the most exciting steps in your project — this is where your ideas start to become a real, livable plan. To make the most of this time and help move your project forward efficiently, here's how to show up prepared and confident.

### 1 Know What You Want from the Space

You don't need to have all the answers, but it helps to walk in: Who will use this space and how? Are there any current issues you'd like to fix (bad layout, lack of storage, etc.)? What are your "must-haves" vs. "nice-to-haves"?

Tip: Be honest about what works and what doesn't in your current setup—your designer will use that info to craft smart solutions.

### 2 Bring Visual Inspiration

Even a ballpark number helps guide the designer, love visuals always: Bring screenshots or links to Pinterest boards, Instagram saves, or Houzz idea books, cutouts from magazines work too

Pro tip: Don't worry if it's a mix of styles. Your designer will help find the common thread and bring everything into focus.

### 3 Understand Your Budget

Even a ballpark number helps guide the designer and will help fine-tune focus.

### 4 Start Thinking About Selections

- Do you prefer warm or cool tones?
- Painted or natural wood cabinets?
- Matte black or brushed nickel hardware?
- Do you like bold tile or a clean, minimal look?

### 5 Keep an Open Mind

Jot down anything you're unsure about—whether it's layout concerns, storage solutions, or lighting ideas. No question is too small. Your designer is there to help make confident, informed choices.



## READY TO DESIGN?

Coming prepared helps you get more value out of your session. It keeps the process moving and gives your designer the info they need to do their best work.