



## **Interior Design Consultation**

### **What to expect and how to prepare :**

To help you get the most out of your consultation, here is some information on what you can expect and a few things you can do to prepare.

During the consultation, expect to answer questions. Your designer will want to discuss several points regarding your project, especially your goals, priorities and expectations. Your designer will ask you about your personal style, likes and dislikes, desired functionality for your rooms and items you're willing to get rid of or what you would like to keep. Don't be afraid to ask questions of your own!

To prepare for this portion of the consultation, have visual aids ready.

Develop a visual reference file of images or items that capture the feeling, colors, textures, and functionality of what you're trying to achieve. You can draw design inspiration from many sources such as fashion, art, sports, travel, books, music, stationary, etc. The images you show us don't have to be pictures of interior spaces, just anything that gets your vision across.

Be prepared to discuss budget during the consultation.

Rather than approach your project from a standpoint of how much you think it will cost, we have found it more effective to give thoughtful consideration to what you're comfortable investing in your project. We can help further define a realistic budget, however determining how much you are willing to invest has to be up to you. When planning for any interiors project it's essential to consider the balance between price, style and schedule. Remember, you may not be able to have all three in equal amounts.

Not disclosing your project budget from the beginning will only lead to an increase in delays in job completion, as well as create frustration as your designer may spend hours designing something beautiful, shopping for a unique piece of furniture, or bringing in qualified sub-contractors to bid work, only to be informed that it's not within your budget and that re-selections need to be made which results in higher professional design fees.

Solidify a budget you're comfortable with before your initial consultation and you'll feel in control of the process, save time and money and assist us in working more effectively.

You should expect to discuss timing and project phases.

We understand the excitement of starting a design project and want to ride that energy and momentum to get started quickly. That being said, we also want you to have realistic expectations about how long the project may take. Giving you our best effort can take time. In addition the timing of some of our vendors and the delays that they can sometimes experience are out of our control.

Your designer will want to tour the areas of your space in question. Taking measurements and photos during this initial visit will help during the planning and selection phase, so be prepared for this to happen as well.