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# Working with an Interior Designer

So you've made the decision to make some changes to your home. Hiring an interior designer can make this process a little less stressful and help you achieve a personal, stylish and beautiful look for your home. Common myths about interior designers are that they're only used by the rich and famous or that they will take over your home and throw out all of your belongings! Rest assured, an interior designer will be respectful of budget and work with you to design a look that fits your home and its existing elements.

## What is an interior designer?

An interior designer is a trained professional with knowledge of interior design concepts and finishes. They understand the various genres and styles of architecture, furnishings, wall-coverings, colours and fabrics, and have the ability to put these all together to create an atmosphere that truly reflects the personality of the client.

## Tips on finding a designer

- Word of mouth – a good reputation speaks for itself
- Interview potential candidates before you commit. Ask to see a portfolio of work they've done and discuss schedules and fees involved.
- Fees may be based on hourly rates, daily billing or fixed depending on the project.

## Getting started

An interior designer will meet with and work closely with you to discuss your family's lifestyle and daily activities, your design 'wish list', which rooms in your home you'd like to revive or improve and budget expectations. Your designer will then take this information and develop a strategy that will make the best use of funds that are available. Designers can work on a variety of projects and a variety of budgets – from acting simply as a consultant or supplier, a liaison between you and a contractor or builder or an excellent industry contact. A designer can help give your home that 'wow factor' which can be

especially beneficial if you're thinking about selling it and setting it apart from other homes on the market.

Interior designers often provide both design consultation and product specification, which allows you to work with one supplier rather than having to seek out a number of reliable sources. Designers can specify and order a large selection of wall coverings, draperies, paints, accessories, floor coverings and furniture, using reputable suppliers and quality products. You save time and money and make the best use of your designer's expertise.

An interior designer can use their skills to make your home design vision a reality. Whether you're looking for small change or a complete makeover, a designer can possess that 'eye for design' to help your home tell its own personal story, room by room with every detail. The expert design staff at Tall Pines Interiors can help you each step of the way. Visit them at [www.tallpinesinteriors.com](http://www.tallpinesinteriors.com) for more information about their products and services.