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*The Art of Comfortable Living*

## ***Planning your Project***

Whether it's a brand new home you're contemplating, or a renovation to an existing home or building, much of the planning process remains the same. Proper project planning considers many factors, including the overall goals of the project, functional requirements, lifestyle needs and desires, architectural elements and style preferences. When you start to plan, it is always good to start a file with photos of rooms, homes or design styles that you like from magazines, books, websites, etc. Photos can easily convey what words sometimes cannot.

The following worksheet will assist you in thinking about the many decisions and elements that go into planning and designing your project. Some you may have specific ideas about – and others you may not have even thought of. Either way, combined with LivingScape visiting you at your site, this worksheet can be a very valuable tool to help initiate the thought process and dialogue necessary for a successful project. To use the attached worksheet, read through it first, then go back and respond to all the questions that apply to your project.

### ***GENERAL INFORMATION***

1. What are the main objectives of the project?  
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2. If there is a lot of demolition to be done, or if key components of your home will be out of commission (ie. kitchen, bathroom) do you have somewhere to live temporarily?  
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3. Have you considered your budget for this project? What is it? Does it include furnishings?  
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4. Is this a new home, or a renovation to an existing home?  
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5. If renovating, will the work need to be done in phases?  
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6. When would you like your project to start and/or finish?  
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7. How many years do you expect to live in the home?  
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8. Do you have pets? If so, identify the pets and design considerations for them.  
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9. How will the necessary decisions be made during the course of the project? Who will be the key contact?  
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10. Are there special items that you want included in your project (ie. media/theatre room, security system, home office)?  
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## ***PEOPLE***

11. Movement of people. Consider traffic patterns in your existing home. Do access requirements between rooms conflict with activities? For example, do people have to pass through the television room to get to a bathroom? List the current limitations/improvements you'd like regarding the flow of people.  
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12. Use of space. Determine the amount of space required, and the extent that this space needs to be opened or closed. If it's an existing home, will exterior walls need to be removed? How about interior walls?  
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13. Are there/have there been changes in your family situation such as the arrival of a new child, an aging parent, or grown children moving away from home?  
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14. Identify all the people that live in the home. What are their ages?  
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15. What hobbies does each individual have? Are some hobbies shared by more than one person?  
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16. Are there physical challenges that create mobility or accessibility needs? Will you want to consider the possibility of future physical challenges in the design?  
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17. What about allergies?  
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## ***STYLE & DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS***

18. What impression do you want visitors to have about your home? How do you want you and your family to feel in your home?  
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19. Is special heating, cooling, lighting, ventilating required for any part of the home?  
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20. Do you have artwork or other collection that requires special display or lighting considerations?  
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21. Is there a hobby or hobbies that need special consideration or storage needs?  
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22. Do you have a style preference for your home? What is it?  
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23. What would you NOT like to see in your home? Why?  
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24. Do you have colour preferences? What are they?

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25. What other comments do you have that would be useful towards the design & planning of your project?

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26. Circle the 5 words that you would most likely use, or that most appeal to you in describing your desired home (or insert a word/words of your own):

<i>Beautiful</i>	<i>Contemporary</i>	<i>Chic</i>
<i>Stylish</i>	<i>Comfortable</i>	<i>Artistic</i>
<i>Unique</i>	<i>Traditional</i>	<i>Warm</i>
<i>Cool</i>	<i>Funky</i>	<i>Upscale</i>
<i>Opulent</i>	<i>Luxurious</i>	<i>Friendly</i>
<i>Urban</i>	<i>Efficient</i>	<i>Prestigious</i>
<i>Striking</i>	<i>Bright</i>	<i>Ergonomic</i>
<i>Functional</i>	<i>Magnificent</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Expressive</i>	<i>Neat</i>	<i>Spacious</i>
<i>Uncluttered</i>	<i>Family-Oriented</i>	<i>Relaxing</i>
<i>Cozy</i>	<i>Clean</i>	<i>Quiet</i>
<i>Private</i>	<i>Entertaining</i>	<i>Elegant</i>
<i>Peaceful</i>	<i>Trendy</i>	<i>Practical</i>
<i>Tasteful</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Lavish</i>
<i>Formal</i>	<i>Welcoming</i>	<i>Modern</i>
<i>Charming</i>	<i>Sumptuous</i>	<i>Discerning</i>
<i>Impressive</i>	<i>Refined</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Inviting</i>	<i>Graceful</i>	

## ***FINISHING CONSIDERATIONS/CHECKLIST***

### ***Flooring***

- hardwood
- ceramic/porcelain
- slate/natural stone
- carpet
- laminate
- vinyl

### ***Cabinetry***

- type of wood
- style and finish
- hardware
- custom built cases
- layout
- home entertainment centers

### ***Countertops***

- laminate
- granite or other natural stone
- corian (solid surface)
- concrete

### ***Kitchen Plumbing Fixtures***

- stainless steel sink
- cast iron enamel sink
- siligranite sink
- undermount, or top mount?
- Single lever faucet
- Two handle faucet
- Faucet with pull- out spray
- Soap dispenser
- Garbage disposal

### ***Bathroom Plumbing Fixtures***

- shower stall
- soaker tub
- jetted tub
- body sprays
- steam shower
- 1 pc toilet
- 2 pc toilet
- drop in basin
- undermount basin
- single lever faucets
- two handle faucets
- finish and color of fixture
- accessories

### ***Lighting***

- general room lighting
- task lighting
- exterior lights
- landscape lighting

### ***Walls***

- paint
- wallpaper
- wainscoting/special treatments
- round or square corners
- colors
- faux finishes

### ***Ceilings***

- Smooth
- textured
- knock-down
- coffered

### ***Baseboards, Casing & Trim***

- style and size
- wood or MDF

### ***Doors, Windows***

- replace, or reuse?
- Style or type
- Style and finish of hardware
- Interior and/or exterior doors

### ***Electrical and Plumbing***

- Will existing have to be removed or upgraded?
- If for basement, is it roughed in already?