

# The Process of Interior Design

Good Design Takes Time:

I have often come across clients that want their projects done in just a few weeks, thinking that it is as easy as going to a retail store and saying “I’ll take one of these and one of those” and stick it in the house. Nothing could be farther from the truth and I’m afraid that the onslaught of design shows can give that impression

Designing a home, a room or even just on piece of furniture takes time creating .

Why?

- ◆ It takes time to contemplate how ideas will come together
- ◆ Research takes time and helps bring together the designer’s concepts along with the desires of the client
- ◆ Deciding on a style
  - Contemporary
  - Traditional
  - Eclectic
  - Transitional
- ◆ Deciding on colors
- ◆ Designing window treatments
- ◆ Designing any special piece where one cannot be found
- ◆ Space Planning:
  - ◆ Deciding placement of furniture
  - ◆ Changing placement of walls and windows if needed
- ◆ Electrical Plan if needed
- ◆ Shopping:
  - ◆ Looking for the individual pieces of furniture
  - Looking for fabrics
  - Picking out flooring
  - Picking out lighting
  - Picking out wall treatment (paint, wallpaper, etc.)

- ◆ Placing Orders:
- ◆ Writing out and sending Purchase Orders
- ◆ Working with workrooms in creating the right design of any custom made window treatments, bedding, etc.
- ◆ Shipping Time:
  - 6-8 weeks
  - Possible Back orders can cause delays from this time line
- ◆ Scheduling and managing subcontractors with installations
  - Carpenters
  - Electricians
  - Flooring subs
  - Painters
  - Furniture Movers
- ◆ Dressing the room, rooms or house
  - Loading & unloading of items
  - Placing the furniture where it belongs
  - Hanging artwork
  - Placing accessories
  - Filling up cabinets with
    - Linens
    - Dishes
    - Etc.

As you can see there are many aspects to good design that can include all or some of the list above.. It is to the benefit of the client that a designer takes the time that is needed to give them the very best. Yes we can throw it together if need be, but the end product will show it in the long run. The quality of the design process is compromised and also the quality of the product.

Hence **“GOOD DESIGN TAKES TIME”**