

HOME DESIGN GUIDE



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A. About the Owners

1. Family members / ages: _____
2. Any special needs? _____
3. Where does your family spend the most time together? _____

4. Where does your family eat most meals? _____
5. Does your family usually watch TV together, or do you prefer separate TV-watching areas for parents and children? _____
6. How do you entertain? _____
7. How important are formal living areas to you? _____
8. How do you plan to use your yard? _____

Notes: _____

B. Lot

1. Dimensions _____
2. Topography _____
3. Special features (views, water, trees, adjacent property, other) _____

4. Owner requirements (views, driveway access, other) _____

Notes: _____

C. House - General Requirements

1. Type of project (new home, cabin, addition, renovation) _____
2. Anticipated square footage (heated / cooled) _____
3. Estimated construction budget _____
4. Preferred architectural style _____

5. How many levels _____
 6. If two-story, how many staircases and where? _____

 7. Basement? _____
 8. Preferred exterior materials/colors _____
 9. Window style preferences _____
 10. Door style preference _____
 11. How many garages? _____
 12. Special garage requirements (location, storage, hobby area, other) _____

 13. Number/location of bedrooms _____
 14. Number/location of baths _____
 15. Special room requirements _____
 16. In which rooms do you want fireplaces? _____
 17. Preferred laundry location _____
- Notes: _____

D. Rooms - Specific Requirements

1. Entry
 - Size _____
 - Style _____
 - Ceiling height _____

Notes: _____

2. Living room
 - Location _____
 - Formal or informal _____
 - How will it be used? _____
 - What furniture must it accommodate? _____

 - Special features _____
 - Ceiling height _____

Notes: _____

3. Dining room

- Location _____
- Formal or informal? _____
- How will it be used? _____
- What furniture must it accommodate? _____

- Special features _____
- Ceiling height _____

Notes: _____

4. Kitchen

- Will the kitchen typically be used for serious meal preparation, or for quick, convenient meals? _____
- Will you eat most family meals here? _____
- Do you want a breakfast counter with stools? _____
- Which type of work area do you prefer - island or peninsula? _____
- Describe the types of appliances you want and where they should be located. _____

- Counter material _____
- Floor material _____
- Cabinet style, color, and configuration _____

- Do you want a desk in or near the kitchen? _____
- Will your family use an outdoor eating area off the kitchen? _____
- Do you want a walk-in pantry? _____
- Ceiling height _____
- Other kitchen requirements _____

Notes: _____

5. Family room

- Should family room be open to kitchen? _____
- Will family's main TV/VCR be located here? _____
- Where should fireplace be located in relation to TV? _____
- What furniture must it accommodate? _____

- Wet bar _____
- Ceiling height _____

Notes: _____

6. Study or home office

- Needed? _____
- Where should it be located? _____
- How will it be used? _____
- What built-ins will you need? _____
- What special electrical or wiring needs? _____

Notes: _____

7. Owners' suite

- First or second floor? _____
- Patio or deck access? _____
- Fireplace? _____
- Sitting or retreat area? _____
- What furniture must it accommodate? _____

- Adjacent areas (exercise, hobby, office, or nursery) _____
- Ceiling height _____
- Closet requirements _____
- Preferred closet access from bath, bedroom, or dressing area? _____

- Preferred sink/counter layout _____
- One or two person shower _____
- Tub style _____
- Other bath requirements _____

Notes: _____

8. Secondary bedrooms

- How many? _____

- Size _____
- Preferred bath arrangement _____
- Shared space (play, study, living) _____

Notes: _____

9. Porch

- Open, screen, or three-season? _____
- Size _____
- Location in relation to other spaces _____

Notes: _____

10. Miscellaneous notes: _____

