

Interior Design Worksheet

A timeline to help steer you smoothly through the stages of your home's makeover

PLANNING STAGES

- 1) Start an idea book or file with magazine clippings, photos of rooms you like, paint chips and favorite works of art.
- 2) Research area designers.
- 3) Narrow your designer options to three. Interview designers and review their portfolios.
- 4) Select your designer and work out a contract.
- 5) Meet with your designer to discuss your goals and vision for the project. Share the photos and ideas you've collected. Talk about budget and schedule and address concerns upfront.

See page 196 for a Tip Sheet on choosing an interior designer.

DESIGN STAGE

- 1) When applicable, introduce your designer to your builder and/or architect and be sure the channels of communication are open as your project progresses.
- 2) Review concepts with your designer, who may present you with floor plans and "boards" showing finishes, flooring and fabric combinations
- 3) Decide what furniture to keep or reupholster and shop for new pieces.
- 4) Select flooring, window treatments and special surface materials (wallpaper, decorative paint, millwork).

FINISHING TOUCHES

- 1) Complete all drywall, millwork, painting and wallpaper and flooring installation.
- 2) Install window treatments.
- 3) As furniture arrives, select complementary accessories and art.