WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE STARTING AN INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECT

Here are 3 things to know about the interior design process before kicking off your project:

1. Be Prepared
Know your budget and project scope before asking a designer to help you. Be prepared for the length of time that your project might take. Most renovation projects take 3-6 months.

Understand fees before starting a project. Your design team should explain the variety of fees that make up a project such as design fees, construction and material costs, freight and delivery fees.

2. Communication
During the design process, you should share your honest opinions, ideas, and concerns with your design team. Also, timely feedback is essential to the momentum of a design project.

Resist the urge to change your mind once the design phase of the project is over. Decisions made in the design phase are made from the result of hours of consideration to function, aesthetics and budget.

Resist the temptation to seek the opinion of your friends and family on your design project. Folks not involved in this process don't have all the information to weigh in properly on a few isolated design decisions.

3. Expect the Unexpected
We have many years of dealing with challenges that come with our industry. Common issues during a project are delayed shipments, damaged items, discontinued items, scheduling conflicts, construction surprises. None of these are insurmountable and many are solved before the client is even aware.

Lastly, do not expect perfection, perfection is an illusion. Have an open, positive and flexible attitude. Be receptive to your designers ideas. It's why you hired a designer. Take advantage of the creativity you want and will be paying for and to benefit from the ideas that you would not have thought of yourself.

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