

# Things That Interior Designers **Shouldn't** Be Asked To Do

INTERIOR DESIGNER'S BUSINESS SCHOOL

## **BUILD OR RENOVATE HOUSES**

There are some builders who also provide an interior design service. The average interior designer, however, is a designer and does not have a team of builders on hand to jump on a project. Building, construction, painting and specialist decorating and interior design are different services, although some companies combine these, the majority of interior designers are not builders as well.

## **SIGN-OFF BUILDERS & TRADESMAN'S WORK**

Signing-off work often gets confused with snagging. Snagging happens towards the end of a project and an interior designer is often invited to help the builder note any unfinished items that need finishing in order to complete the contract of work for the client. Signing-off a tradesman's work should be undertaken by someone qualified and insured to take the responsibility of doing so. In the UK, that is often a district surveyor or qualified supervisor of some kind. This is not a job for your regular interior designer.



## **HIRE THEIR OWN TRADESMEN**

Sometimes an interior designer may use a team to undertake a decoration project, but in that instance, the interior designer will be licensed and insured for that type of work or, they will work with a separate company and take a fee for referring the project. Many interior designers have contacts with builders and decorating firms that they work in connection with, however, the interior designer themselves isn't usually the one paying the carpenter for laying the floor hiring the painter on behalf of the client (unless specifically contracted to do so).

## **MAKE ILLEGAL CHANGES TO BUILDINGS**

Sometimes clients ask designers to undertake work to historic buildings which are not allowed or they ask their interior designer to specify things that are not appropriate because they have been purchased at a bargain price. Don't put your interior designer into a position that can jeopardise their future for the sake of saving a few bucks. More often than not, they will notice that the client is acting unethically and will contact an authority to report the situation.

# What Do Interior Designers Really Do?



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Interior designers help clients clarify what it is they want to do

With the client brief in mind, they create the client's vision

Interior designers choose the bits & pieces to make the vision come together

Interior designers create the documentation required to communicate the project

Interior designers oversee the project and make sure everything ends up as it should

Interior designers style the end result so that a client can create a specific mood

