

# INTERIOR DESIGN

### WHAT IS INTERIOR DESIGN?

Interior design is a profession that combines creativity, technical knowledge, and business skills. Interior designers work with clients and other design professionals to develop design solutions that are safe, functional, attractive, and meet the needs of the people using the space.

Interior designers must know how to plan a space and how to present that plan visually so that it can be communicated to the client. They must also know about the materials and products that will be used to create and furnish the space, and how texture, color, lighting, and other factors combine and interact to make the space come together. In addition, interior designers must understand the structural requirements of their plans, the health and safety issues, building codes, and many other technical aspects.

### RELATED CAREER TITLES

Assistant Designer	Facility Planner	Manufacturer's Representative	Sales Representative
Architectural Designer	Floor-Covering Designer	Photo-Stylist	Set Designer
CAD Specialist	Furniture Designer	Product Consultant	Showroom Manager/Sales
Color Consultant	Healthcare Designer	Product Designer	Space Planning
Commercial Interior Designer	Home Consultant	Project Designer	Space Planning Designer
Contract Designer	Hospitality Designer	Project Director	Sustainable Design Consultant
Corporate Designer	Interior Designer	Renderer	Teacher
Design Consultant	Interior Renderer	Residential Interior Designer	Textile Designer
Event Planning	Kitchen & Bath Designer	Retail Sales	Upholsterer
Exhibition Designer	Lighting Consultant	Retail Store Designer	Window Display Designer
Fabric Designer	Lighting Designer	Photo-Stylist	Window Treatment Workroom

### TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS

3D modeling and rendering	Detail oriented	Presentation skills
Analytical	Efficient	Problem-solver
Artistic	Empathy/patience	Project management
Budget oriented	Energetic	Self-motivated
Communicative	Enthusiastic	Self-starter
Coordinated	Expressive	Spatial visualization/planning
Creative	Imaginative	Sustainability practices
Deadline awareness	Original	Trend awareness
Decision maker	Organized	Team oriented
Design thinking	Patient	Visual storytelling

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### CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS

American Society of Interior Designers: [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org)

International Interior Design Association: [www.iida.org](http://www.iida.org)

FHSU Career Development Office: [www.fhsu.edu/career/](http://www.fhsu.edu/career/)

Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)



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