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How to commission an **INTERIOR DESIGNER**

What to expect when calling in the professionals –
and how to get the best results from the process

From a whole house renovation to a single room refresh, it may be worth commissioning an interior designer to deliver a perfectly suited result. Crucially, a designer will have the expertise to offer a host of clever solutions and options – and help make the process smoother and more enjoyable. “Designers are there to make your ▶



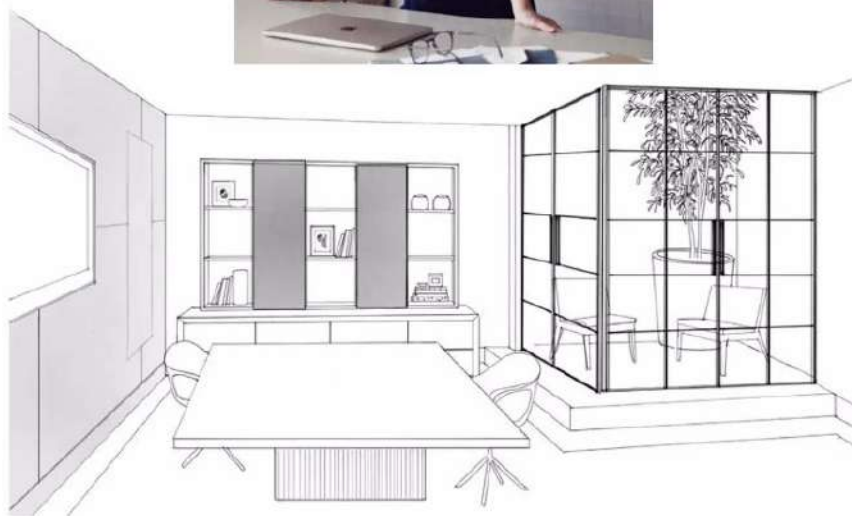


'Professional knowledge and experience mean that your designer can save you time and save you from making mistakes'

Gail Taylor, co-founder and creative director, Th2 Designs

life easier, helping you visualise and streamline your ideas," says interior designer Rosanna Bossom. "They have the best access to suppliers, can save you a lot of time, money and stress, and offer many solutions thanks to their experience."

So what exactly does an interior designer do? Alex Keith, director of Otta Design, says, "A common misconception is that interior designers are only concerned with the 'fluffy' parts of renovation projects, picking fabrics and paint colours." In reality, while they can provide plenty of help with an inspirational look, services are much more extensive and can cover space planning and layouts, detailed room designs and specification including electrical and lighting plans, designs for bespoke joinery, kitchen and bathrooms, all the way through to procurement, project management and installation. "Over 80 per cent of our time involves detailed planning, following processes, effective organisation and communication, budgeting, schedules and project co-ordination," ▶



TOP The completed home office by Th2 Designs, produced after consultation with the client and their approval using the computer-aided design above.

MIDDLE Gail Taylor of Th2 Designs.
ABOVE The computer-aided design of the home office, produced to scale for accurate representation.