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New Home or Addition/Renovation Questionnaire

About the Home

- 1.) Why did you decide to move forward with this project now?
- 2.) What are you looking to accomplish with this project?
- 3.) If this is a renovation, what is the age of your home? If this is a new build, what kind of home are you living in now?
- 4.) How long have you owned a home? If this is a renovation, how long have you owned this home?
- 5.) Has this property been renovated since it was built? If a new home or a renovation, have you been through a building process before? Describe that experience.
- 6.) What about your current home functions well?
- 7.) What about your home does not function well?
- 8.) Is there a particular area of your home that is a priority, where you spend most of your time at home? Why is this your favorite place?
- 9.) How long do you plan to stay in your home?



10.) What do you like about the location of your home?

11.) Are you concerned about resale value?

About the Occupants

1.) Please provide the names and ages of the members of your household.

2.) Do they have specific needs for space, work, or study?

3.) How much time does each family member spend at home?

4.) Do you have or anticipate having a member of the family having physical limitations or needing mobility aids?

5.) Do you have pets in household? Please include type, breed, and age.

6.) What family members will share in the decision-making process?

About your Budget

1.) Please provide a dollar range that you expect to spend on this project.

2.) Building costs have been very volatile recently. Are you aware that current construction costs are upwards of \$325 per square foot? Then



there are soft costs that can come to another 25% of construction costs.

3.) With this knowledge, are you prepared to spend the funds necessary for the size project you have in mind? Or will you be willing to pare down square footage or do the project in phases?

For Each Occupant to Answer Separately

Using words or phrases (even prose or poetry, if you wish), describe the kind of place where you would like to be while doing the following activities. Please, no pictures yet! We will accept favorite images in follow up. Feel free to tell a story. Notice we are not using room names, but rather describing activities. As an example, I've described my ideal place for "bathing" using a 10 point list system:

Bathing

1. warm and cozy, but with plenty of fresh air, ventilation.
2. a place where my voice will echo.
3. private, but with a view.
4. close to where I sleep.
5. with plenty of natural light.
6. a place with lush plants.
7. with shiny, sleek surfaces: easy to clean.
8. a place wherein I'll never fear of slipping.
9. a small and efficient place, but also a place where I won't mind lingering.
10. where bathing, toilet and sink are separate from one another.

Now, you describe your ideal places for each of the activities below. Write down everything you want, even if you think one desire conflicts with another. Later in the process, we will sort out your priorities. I prefer each future occupant of the house to prepare their own answers separately.

Bathing Relaxing

Sleeping Entertaining guests

Undressing/dressing Playing

Eating Working/studying

Fixing meals Doing chores

Storage (it you want several kinds, describe each one)

Are there other activities you want to include?

Finally, what kind of feel do you want your newly renovated home to have? Can you give some key phrases that would describe its character as a whole.