



The Design Process

Stage 1: Information Gathering and Brainstorming

The first stage is meeting at your home to discuss your requirements and if you have them review architectural plans. This typically takes around an hour of our time. Together we will explore the style you're looking for, matters of practicality and preferred options for materials, fixtures and fittings. It is helpful if you have the questionnaire and appliance worksheet filled out for this meeting

I survey the size of the space and take photos in order to begin drawings. I also get a feel for your personal style and the home architecture. There is no charge for this it is a "good will" meeting to discuss the particulars.

Helpful Design Scrapbooking Site: <http://www.houzz.com/>

Stage 2: Estimate and Agreement

I then prepare a cost projection based on the instructions you give during our first meeting. You should discuss budget with me as early as possible so that I can estimate with appropriate materials and design details. Our second meeting will incorporate a first draft design and an estimate of labor and materials based on the scope of work you requested. In order to proceed after this meeting I will require a 10% design retainer based on this estimate.

Stage 2: Design and Refine

Here we refine details and reiterate the layout if needed. This may involve trips to suppliers, obtaining samples, meetings to discuss options and producing various versions of drawings and designs. The key to this stage is to stay focused on the budget allowances we agreed upon in stage 2. If you find a more expensive granite or cabinet upgrade you want to include now is the time to compare cost, before going to contract in Stage 3.

Stage 3: Planning and Contracts

I will then deliver a Final Contract for Production & Installation to you, together with the final Design Specification. Once you are fully satisfied with the design and cost quotation, we will ask you to formally place an order with us and to make a payment of 50% of the contract price less the retainer amount already paid.



Stage 4: Production and Delivery

The time taken between placing an order and installation is depends on the cabinetry selected. Stock cabinetry is available in 2-3 weeks, Semicustom cabinetry is available in 4-6 weeks and custom cabinetry is available in 6 to 12 weeks. I will require a delivery payment of 40% upon release for delivery

Stage 5: Installation

Fitting takes one to three weeks, depending on the complexity of your product. Our skilled installers will do their best to keep mess and disruption to an absolute minimum during this period. Once you are fully satisfied with the installed product we will invoice you for the final 10% of the contract price.