

# TOP 10 TIPS TO ENSURE DESIGN AND REMODEL SUCCESS

THE COMPLETE CHECKLIST TO AVOID  
OBSTACLES AND ACHIEVE STUNNING  
DESIGN PROJECT RESULTS

If you're considering an interior design  
and remodel for your space,

here are the top 10 ways to set yourself up for success. These projects are large undertakings that include both interior design and remodel expertise. There can be many moving parts as well as specialized construction and safety codes to think about. But who wants to deal with all of that?

Luckily, there are ways around those and other obstacles you'll encounter during your project. So let's take a look at the most important elements within each of key areas that determine the success of design and remodel projects. We hereby present to you, **The Top 10 Tips To Ensure Design and Remodel Project Success.**

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## 01. DIY or Get Help Early On

Decide whether you want the expertise and help of a professional design and remodel firm early on. These projects aren't the kind you want to have someone bail you out of. Make the choice to do it yourself or hire a professional and then don't look back. **Tip: Make sure you or your design firm has the proper qualifications to handle both the design and construction.**

## 02. Set Your Location

Your location can determine the success of your project simply based on logistics. If you hire a professional interior designer, they can travel and often will bring their team of designers, contractors, and construction professionals with them.

**Tip: Don't let your location determine what resources you'll have as it's common for designer to travel if your budget allows.**

## 03. It's All About Style

Many an inspiration comes from having seen a spectacular design that just screams "you". But take a moment to make sure you've seen all there is to see. This includes the often overlooked cutting edge of interior design. Want something that no one has? You can have that and avoid designer's remorse down the road.

**Tip: Don't forget to check the 'newest of the new' design styles as it can be too late to make big changes down the road.**

› [See the Latest Design Trends.](#)

## 04. Colors and Hues

Your colors can have a big impact on how your interior design plan unfolds. Consider that once you've chosen your desired colors, there are other design elements that may contrast or accompany them. These colors can then align with metal, wood, fabrics, or other materials that can be used in other areas of your design. For example, how will your color choices integrate with your wall applications? They should influence the type, style and material. **Tip: Decide on your color choices early as they have a bigger impact than you might think.**

› [Learn more about how color impacts interior design?](#)

## 05. Determine Your Budget

It's important to have a budget in mind and know how much your interior design and remodel project will cost. [Learn more about interior design cost](#) if you need to get up to speed, but it's in both you and your designer's best interest to determine this before getting started. During your initial design consultation, your designer should not only ask you what your budget is, but also should be able to tell you if your budget is inline with your design project, too low or too high. Remember that your budget isn't a scary thing, it's a parameter for your project.

**Tip: If you can't accomplish something because of budget, find out early as you may be surprised with what comes from considering additional options.**

› [Learn more about interior design cost here.](#)

## 06. Furnishing Considerations

Your furnishings play a huge role in your design as well as your comfort. Much like color can impact your materials, the same is true for your furnishings. Whether it's modern, traditional, or any number of design styles in between your furnishings will help bring it all together. It's better to fall in love with furnishings once you've nailed down the previously mentioned items. **Tip: Don't design around furnishings, especially when remodel is involved. Get your space dimensions, and consider your style and colors before choosing furnishings. You'll be glad you did.**

## 07. Choosing Accessories

It's important to consider your accessories as they'll fill in and complete your overall design. This is where you'll choose your artwork, pillows, plants, window covers, candles, vases, glassware, chandeliers, and more. **Tip: If there's a certain set of accessories you just love, make sure to ask yourself how they fit into your overall design. And will they breathe life into your interior? For example, what types of plants are you going to incorporate Will they be real? Or artificial? Take your time to think this through until you're confident in your choices and how they fit as a whole.**

› [Learn more about decorating and accessorizing.](#)

## 08. CAD Designs

When it comes to the remodel portion of your project, you want to make sure all measurements are precise. It's also important to see your design and remodel rendered in a CAD drawing so you can verify it's what you've envisioned. CAD or computer-aided design software is common for design, remodel, and construction professionals. **Tip: With large scale undertakings, it's important to take the time to "see it" rendered from a CAD program before the production starts.**

› [Learn more about where CAD comes in by checking out our design and remodel packages.](#)

## 09. The Mock Up

Well managed projects should have a plan to support them. And with each interior design and remodel, it's best to have a mock up that includes drawings, sketches, timelines, and samples of colors and materials including fabrics. Does it pass the eye test? Does it pass the feel test? **Tip: Creating a tactile experience will boost your confidence and excitement or it can help you make the proper adjustments early on.**



## 10. Hands-On or All-Inclusive

You made the choice early on to do-it-yourself or hire a professional design and remodel firm. However, it's your project and you can choose to be as hands on as you want, or go with an all-inclusive design service. *Tip: Don't be intimidated by the size and scope of the project. There are design and remodel firms that will handle every element on the project and see it through to your satisfaction.*

› *Want to learn about the top considerations of hiring an interior design firm?*

## Conclusion

There are many areas of your interior design and remodel project that can determine your success or lead to failure. Once you've taken some time to go through each of the major items on the checklist, you'll know what to watch out for and where to focus your energy before your project kicks off.

No one wants their project to fail so ask yourself the questions and take the proper time to reach a decision with each one. Once you've completed this exercise, you'll have put yourself in the best position possible to ensure your interior design and remodel project is a smashing success!



*“Your space has a direct impact on your quality of life. It affects the way you think, the way you feel and the way you function.”*

Athena Vigil, Design Director

Since 1991, Athena has built an illustrious design career and is presently recognized as one of the top interior designers in Scottsdale and Phoenix. Her talents have transformed spaces large and small. Across the United States and as far as Los Cabos, Mexico.

She leads a team staff of skilled interior design professionals with memberships in both the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA). Through Athena’s guidance, they have created an extraordinary interior design portfolio.

Her design expertise has been sought by professional athletes, corporate powerhouses, and showcased by Martha Stewart Living, Phoenix Home & Garden, So Scottsdale and more.

Her design range covers both commercial and residential projects.

She recently designed a premium, 60,000 square-foot commercial office space for a well-known Phoenix law firm. While adept at managing large scale projects, her residential interior design work is of equal importance.

She devotes the same dedication, warmth and professionalism to a client seeking a complete residential design or a first-time home-buyer interested in carpet and paint. No matter the size or scope, each project receives the expert attention upon which Athena’s sterling reputation has been built.

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