



ORCHESTRATE YOUR VISIONS...

GENERAL

What do you like about your current home(s)? _____

What frustrates you about your current home(s)? _____

Which architectural styles are you attracted to? _____

How many stories do you want in your home? _____

Do you want a basement? _____

If so, what type of rooms do you want in you basement? _____

How many years do you plan to live in this home? _____

Are there views you need to consider? _____

How much sun exposure do you want in your home? _____

Describe what you would like visitors to see as they approach your home. _____

What kind of roof do you want? _____

What roles should fresh air and daylight play? _____

Do you want balconies, window seats or patios? Will your ceilings be high or low? _____

Will you entertain? If so, how often and for how many guests? Will you entertain indoors, outdoor or both? _____

Do you collect and display art? Do you have other collections that you want to Exhibit? _____

Do you want a safe for valuables? _____

What are your hobbies? Do they require special spaces, accommodations or storage? _____

How important are fireplaces to you? Where do you want them? _____

Where do you like to read? _____

If you're building in a master plan community, what limitations does your Homeowners Association pose? _____

INHABITANTS

Who will live in this home? _____

Will children be regular guests? If so how many? Will they need rooms close to where the adults are? _____

Do you have a nanny or in-home assistance? What kinds of private spaces do you want for that person? _____

Do any of the inhabitants have special needs that require ramps, wider hallways and door entries, elevator, special door knobs or provisions in the tub and shower? _____

Does an older relative live with you? _____

Will you have regular houseguests? If so, how long do you estimate they will stay? _____

Do you have pets? If so, what are their needs? _____

DEFINING ROOMS

DINING

Do you cook? How many people usually cook in your kitchen at one time? _____

What kinds of appliance do you want in the kitchen? Do you want to be able to hide small appliances or see them all? _____

Do you want a kitchen island? _____

Where will you eat? How many people will sit around the kitchen table? _____

Do you want a bar or counter for informal dining? _____

Do you want a walk-in food pantry or a butler's pantry? _____

Where will you store entertaining items? _____

How will you handle trash and recycling? _____

Do you have any special food-preparation needs? _____

Do you have wine-storage needs? Do you want a wet bar and/or temperature controlled humidior?_

Will you need to accommodate caterers? What special amenities do you want for storage, access and service? _____

Do you want the kitchen to be separate from or part of the living space? _____

Do you have special furniture that you need to accommodate? _____

LIVING SPACES

How will the family room be used? Do you want toy storage? Do you want a built-in unit for electronics? _____

Will you use a living room? If so, what should this room feel like? _____

MASTER SUITE

What do you want the master suite to feel like? _____

Do you want bookshelves or space for a desk? _____

Will you store all your clothes in the closet? Do you want more than one closet? How large or small do you want your closets? _____

BEDROOMS

If you have children how many bedrooms will they need? Do you want those bedrooms to be near or far from the master suite? _____

Depending on your children's ages, will they want space for play, homework or entertainment? _____

Will you designate space for guests? If so, will it be a room, an attached suite or a detached casita? _____

What amenities will the guest space have? Will it have a garage, patio or spa? _____

FUNCTIONAL SPACES

Where will you organize family schedules, bills and lists? Will you want a desk in that area? _____

Do you want an office? What kind of equipment and furniture will it have? _____

Do you work from home? Do you want a separate entrance for clients? _____

Do you want additional storage in your laundry room? Do you want a built-in ironing station, a sink or a drip-dry hanging area? _____

Do you want rooms for other activities like crafts, reading or meditation? _____

Do you want a gym? If so, how big should it be? How will you ventilate this space? Should your gym have access to a bathroom and/ or sauna? _____

TECHNOLOGY

Do you want automation in your home? If so, what functions do you want to automate? Audio/video? Lighting? Drapes? Awnings or sunscreens? _____

What kinds of lighting do you want in your home? _____

How do you want to control the lighting? Do you want one-button control for pre-established settings? _____

In which rooms will you watch television? What are your viewing habits in each space? _____

Do you want a home theater? _____

Do you listen to music in certain rooms? Do you want to be able to listen to it throughout the house? What about outside? _____

Do you want a communication or intercom system? _____

Do you want central-vacuum system? _____

What kind of security system do you want? _____

Do you want filtered or purified water to be available throughout the house? _____

How many phone lines will you have? _____

Do you need special outlets? _____

OUTDOOR LIVING

Do you dine outside? Do you grill? _____

Do you want a pool or a spa? _____

Do you want access to a bathroom from the backyard? _____

If you have children, what kinds of outdoor amenities would they enjoy? _____

What safety precautions are necessary for children around the pool? _____

Do you play lawn games? Do you want a putting green? _____

What kinds of amenities do you want for outdoor entertaining? _____

What kind of landscaping will you have? Will there be a water feature? _____

What kind of outdoor furniture will you have? Do you want outdoor heaters/misters? _____

What type of outdoor lighting do you want? _____

Do you want outdoor electrical outlets for holiday or special-event lighting? _____

Will your pets need special provisions outdoors? _____

GARAGE

How many garages do you want? Where will the garages be situated? _____

What kinds of vehicles do you own? Are any of them oversized? Will you need to store a boat or jet skis? _____

Would you like workspace in the garage? _____

How much storage do you need? _____

Do you want your garage to be air conditioned? _____

Where will you keep the garbage and recycling cans? _____

DESIGN DECISIONS

INTERIOR

What sort of mood do you want to evoke in your house? Will it be the same throughout, or will it change depending on the room? _____

Think of your favorite place to be outside your home (This could be a restaurant, café, spa, bowling ally, you name it) what is the décor like? What draws you there? _____

WALL AND CEILING FINISHES

These are places to express your individuality. From one-of-a-kind paint colors to wallpaper to faux finishes, your walls and ceilings can help define each rooms function and style. Be sure to keep your homes architecture in mind when choosing your finishes, though. A Spanish Colonial home, for example, generally calls for wood ceilings and plaster walls, while a contemporary home might incorporate structural glass, corrugated steel or concrete. _____

CLOSETS

You can include every organizational built-in imaginable in a custom closet. Do you need tie, belt and shoe racks; folded-shirt drawers; jewelry drawers; safes? _____

PLUMBING FIXTURES

Whether in the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room or wet bar, fixtures can turn an ordinary sink into a work of art. This is a great place to pay attention to detail, from designer faucets to artisan carving, pot-fillers to multiple showerheads. Also consider how high or low you'd like your sinks and vanities to be, and whether you're interested in pedestal sinks, above- counter or vessel sinks.

FIREPLACE MATERIALS

Fireplaces are great mediums for creating visual impact, and they can often serve as a focal point for a room or series of rooms. Materials range from masonry to ceramic brick, and patterns can be

as simple or ornate as you see fit. _____

DOORS AND HARDWARE

Solid wood and custom-designed steel doors by metal artists are just two examples from a wide spectrum of options. If you decide to install wood doors, think about the color you'll want to stain them and whether you'll want a stately, solid wood version or an intricately patterned veneer. Hardware is a great way to dress up an ordinary door. Also think about the finish of the hardware.

COLUMNS AND MILLWORK

Columns add a touch of classical elegance to any home. Whether you're interested in Corinthian, Ionic, Doric, or some other more "modern" column, you can be assured that columns will add immediate curb appeal to your residence. Columns come in a variety of materials from plastic to actual marble, so it's up to you and your budget to determine exactly what type of column is best for the look you have in mind. _____

MOLDINGS AND DOORFRAMES

As with many of your decisions, your home's architectural style should guide you toward the right moldings and doorframes. Materials include wood, plaster bronze and stone among others. _____

EXTERIOR

PAINT AND EXTERIOR FINISHES

Much like interior finishes, a house's exterior appearance depends on the structure's architectural makeup. Antique plaster finishes, mortar washes, reclaimed brick and staining done by artisans can give a building an aged appearance. Contemporary homes may use exposed concrete, or block and finishes like split-faced masonry, sandblasting or plaster. Consider whether you'll want detailed fascia or just a clean unfettered look. Also keep in mind stone and window finishes. What does the architecture dictate? _____

ROOF

Cement, clay tiles, slate, copper or zinc. Also different percentages of a technique called mud ball.

DRIVEWAY

It's the first thing people will set foot on when they arrive at your home, so let it make an impression. For a rustic look, try decomposed granite. Another popular trend incorporates reclaimed Mexican stone or pavers. _____

GARAGE DOOR

In order to keep the look of the garage consistent with the rest of your home, clad it with an appropriate material. _____

PATIOS AND OUTDOOR WALKWAYS

In Arizona, outdoor living is a way of life. You can bring the indoors out by adding lighting, heaters, fans and kitchens. You can tile your patio or lay pavers or flagstone. _____

Additional notes: _____

Thank you for taking the time to identify the requirements, restrictions, needs, wants and visions of your custom home. We hope this exercise helped you envision your next home and assisted you as a guide to create a space specific to your lifestyle.