



Things to Consider

Your Design Checklist



Preparing Design Ideas

Create a design ideas folder.

Collect design ideas for external look.

Collect design ideas for external colour.

Collect design ideas for internal look.

Collect design ideas for internal colours.

Collect design ideas for fixtures and fittings.

Collect design ideas of colour schemes of furniture.



Seeking Design Ideas

Visualize your family and friends in the style you seek.

Home renovator magazines.

Arts and crafts magazines

Visit building information centres.

Visit project home estates.

Take photos of a building you like in your Street.

The Internet



Local Council (if going up)

Preliminary discussions with Council on what you propose.

Check for current zoning.

Check for easements.

Check for any land restrictions.

Does what you propose to build conform to town planning codes.

Does what you propose to build conform to health & building codes.



Information to Bring With You (for Builder)

Bring your design ideas folder/wish list

Determine the extent of service you require.

Is there existing plans

Sketch to include full design & specification if required.

Options to include site monitoring & supervision



How To Check It's the Design You Want

Check the facade or the external appearance.

Check the floor lay out.

Picture yourself walking through the floor layout.



Have your considered...

Appliances

Gas Electrical both

Wall oven or under bench – what size

Microwave and power point location

(make sure bench space is handy to microwave)

Fridge – check size and depth (no sticking out)

Dishwasher – built in or integrated

What packages are on sale with local retailers or online



Bathrooms

- Toilets ceramic close coupled or plastic
Soft close toilet seats standard wall hung
- Vanities standard sizes 600 750 or 900
- Taps flick mixers or taps
(may need internal plumbing via vanity)
- Towel rails heated is there power?
Standard Robe hooks
Size/area required for safety?
- Tiles floor – colour – size – style
Wall – colour – size – style
Feature tiles anywhere?



Shower glass

frameless or recessed

Hob to conceal toiletries, shampoo bottles etc

Fixtures soap dishes etc

Shower rose – wall or ceiling mount

Heating

IXL or underfloor

Air conditioning or gas heater/ energy efficient

Flooring

Carpet – durability in traffic areas

Underlay needed

Colour – tones – neutral – pattern or plush

Area v budget any other options..

Natural Reflection...too light... too dark

Warmth

Floorboards – light or dark

What size of board wide or standard

Maintenance

Acoustics (a must to take into floor design)

Warranty



Kitchen

Cupboards and doors

Bench tops – Plain Pattern Matt Gloss

Caesar stone or laminate

Cutlery drawers Pot drawers Depth and Function

How many drawers and how many cupboards?

Layout design for easy access and ease of access

Pantry Herb racks? Any special features

Sink single or double or single and half

Under mount – Dish drainer

Taps vegetable spray Water filter



more inspiration...

Entrance Front door Pivot or Sliding

Internal wall colour and textures

Windows Considered any louvers for ventilation

Window dressing Shutters Venetians Curtains Roman blinds

Doors Bi fold OR stack door system

Material Timber Aluminium

Colour

Electrical plan hairdryer, Computer, Kitchen appliances

Television etc etc



☆ **My wish list**