

# The role and function of the Interior Designer



Interior Designers are responsible for developing, planning and implementing interior design briefs on behalf of clients in both residential and commercial environments. This could be anything from a single room in someone's home to an extensive office block or a new hospital. It is critical to ensure that you remain up-to-date with current trends.

While the complexity of the projects may differ the underlying methodology remains the same. Interior designers will always:

- Establish the brief and undertake a survey of the space ensuring that the desired outcome can be achieved within the proposed budget
- Prepare the proposition: This will involve producing drawings and plans
- Research and source materials and other trades that may be required to work on the design
- Ensure the work is carried out in a timely manner and to the expected standard.

While this is the core function of the interior designer whether you work as a freelancer or for an Interior Design Agency, there are many other career opportunities that become available with skills, knowledge and experience in Interior Design. You could become a trend spotter, a journalist in the area of interior design, a writer, speaker or lecturer. You could also specialise in a particular area such as soft furnishings, lighting or focus more on the technical side as a Computer Aided Designer (CAD), or a Visualiser.

In summary, the role and function of an Interior Designer is to be professional, commercial, technical, creative and curious and all are equally important, even if you do eventually decide to specialise in one particular area.