

THE BIG QUESTIONS



It is important that everyone in your family who will be involved in making decisions on the project agrees on the brief. Before you discuss your project with a designer, discuss it together and make sure everyone has the same overall goals for your home. Differing opinions on finish selections or room layouts are inevitable and can be easily addressed through the design process, but misaligned budget expectations or overall motivations will create issues throughout the project. As we've mentioned it is important that all decision makers for the project are involved in putting this brief together but this week it is particularly important to involve all decision makers equally.

Answers for big questions:

Answers to the Big Questions can be difficult to arrive at. It is often not the first response that really nails how you feel. The best approach is to un-pack each question by writing as many sentences as you possibly can.

There aren't that many different things you can write. Your answers will start off with the obvious ...looking nice, having a bigger kitchen, being comfortable, etc... and when you get to about 15 or 20 you might run out.

That's where it starts to get interesting, because the first 20 are just your initial responses so keep going. It doesn't matter if you start to repeat yourself because each time it will go a little deeper and become little more specific. The sweeping statements you made early on are being unpacked and examined more closely. When you think you've exhausted your answers take a step back and see if you can find any common threads among the answers that really resonate with you.



UPSIDE DOWN HOUSE

Our new house will make our lives better
by...

When I picture myself in my dream
home, I feel...

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During this process I am looking forward to...

During this process I am concerned about...

To make this project a success I am looking for an Architect or Designer who...

Phew, that was a tough one! But you did well. Go and have a lie down or a glass or wine and we'll see you next week with the final stage of your brief.

Once you've recovered, if you would like to chat about any aspect of your brief or project in more detail why not book in for a free phone or video chat.

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