



GETTING STARTED
Preparing and Planning for Your Next Design Project
6 steps to a new kitchen, bathroom, in-law suite.....

1. **FIRST DECISIONS.** Decide what you want to do – a face lift or full remodel?

2. **HAVE A BUDGET # IN MIND.** You know what you can spend. Having some idea of what your budget is will help your designer keep costs in check AND GIVE YOU THE BEST DESIGN FOR YOUR BUDGET.

3. **MUST HAVE LIST:** Create your “must-have” list. Ask yourself ‘What do I really ***need?***’ – the must have no matter what.

4. **WISH LIST:** And then the ‘I wish I could do.....list.’ If you had unlimited budget, space, and resources, what would you love to do.

5. **NEXT STEP IS DESIGN.** Lifestyles Design uses 3D CAD to help you visualize your dream project. There are so many decisions to make & options to choose from for materials & finishes; Patricia guidance will make it easy for you to make the best selections for your style and budget.

6. **COMPLETE PACKAGE.** Finally, when all design decisions are made, Lifestyles Design creates everything you will need to complete the dream project: plans, materials & selections list for the contractor (yours or ours), the township, or for yourself if you are a DIY'er.



Keeping track of ideas is important. Use the lists below to record thoughts and ideas on common areas to be considered during the design process. Think about and jot down any materials, colors, and styles, that you like.

KITCHENS

Flooring
Counters
Cabinets
Hardware
Backsplash
Faucets
Appliances
Lighting
Color
Style

BATHS

Showers
Tub
Flooring
Tile
Faucets
Color
Style
Vanity/Sink
Toilet
Lighting
Color
Style

INTERIOR

Furniture
Lighting
Accessories
Flooring

ACCESSIBLE DESIGN

Interior
Exterior
Bathroom
Kitchen
Whole House