

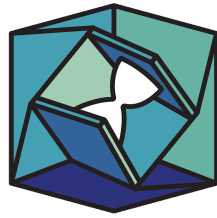
FOURTH DIMENSION ARCHITECTURE

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100 DESIGN QUESTIONS AN ARCHITECT MAY ASK YOU

GAME PLAN

1. What are your 3 most important project goals?
2. Please number the following in order of importance to you:
_____ Quality _____ Speed _____ Cost
3. What is your budget?
4. Does your budget include soft costs? Or is it the amount you want to build for?
5. Is this a now project or a later project?
6. Do you have a property survey?
7. Have you ever worked with an architect before?
8. Do you have a builder you are working with, or would you like help finding one?
9. Do you want to divide the project into phases?
10. What are your inspiration photos?
11. What's on your wish list of wants and needs?
12. What questions do you have for an architect?

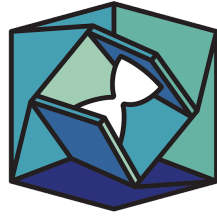


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EXISTING HOUSE

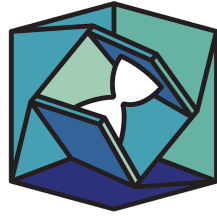
13. Where is the best view?
14. What view(s) do you want to block?
15. Which rooms have a sunrise view, and which have a sunset view?
16. Is there anything existing that you would like to match?
17. Is there anything existing that you would like to salvage?
18. What works great about your existing house?
19. What doesn't work about your existing house?
20. Does your existing house feel too big or too small?
21. Are there any rooms in your house that are too hot or too cold?
22. Does your family eat in the kitchen or in the dining room?
23. If everyone gathered at your house for a holiday, how many people would there be?
24. Do you have any large / special furniture?
25. How many linear feet of closet do you have now? Is it enough?
26. How many linear feet of clothing do you own (if you were to hang it all)?



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27. Do you have any mobility concerns (now or future)? (Would you like grab bars, wheelchair accessibility, ramps, etc.?)
28. How many computers does your family have?
29. How many people need audio privacy at one time? (ie. multiple phone calls / zoom meetings)
30. Is there anywhere in your house that doesn't have enough storage?
31. Is there anywhere in your house that doesn't have enough outlets?
32. What is your fuel source?
33. Do you want to keep the existing mechanical system and expand it? Or do you want to upgrade to a different type?
34. Do you have a radon mitigation system?

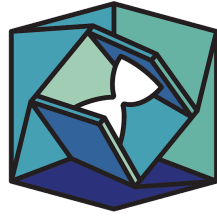


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DESIGN

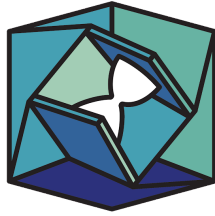
35. Are you interested in a "smart house?"
36. Are you interested in a hyper-energy efficient house?
37. Are you interested in mini-splits?
38. Are you interested in radiant heated floors? Everywhere, only certain rooms, or just in the bathroom(s)?
39. How important is symmetry?
40. How important is a "seamless" renovation?
41. Do you want the house (or parts of the house) to feel bigger or smaller?
42. Do you have a preferred foundation type - slab / crawl space / basement?
43. What wall finishes would you like - wood, plaster + lathe, metal, or drywall?
44. What bathroom finishes would you like - tile on the floor only, or also on the walls?
45. What floor finishes would you like - hardwood, tile, carpet, or vinyl?
46. What ceiling finishes would you like - drywall, wood, stamped tin, acoustic tiles?
47. What would you like to improve about your kitchen?
48. Do you want your stove to be electric, propane or induction?



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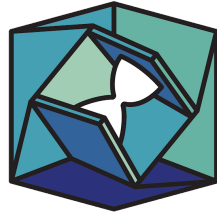
49. What is your preferred bar / eating island height? Two heights or one?
50. Do you want a garbage disposal? Which sink? Wall switch?
51. Do you want a pot filler?
52. Do you want a prep sink / bar sink?
53. How many bedrooms do you want?
54. What size beds do you want in each room?
55. Is there an opportunity for east-facing bedrooms, so the sunrise shines in the windows?
56. Do you prefer clothes hanging rods, drawers, shelves, or a combination?
57. How many bathrooms do you want?
58. Are the bathrooms private or shared?
59. Do you prefer a single sink or double?
60. Do you want a home office?
61. Do you need any spaces other than computer stations? (ie. painting studio, library, conference room)
62. Will it be a private office, or shared? Will there be employees? Clients? Kids?



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63. Does the office need its own bathroom?
64. Do you have specific ergonomic needs? (Are you very short or very tall?)
65. What is your cable management strategy?
66. What electronics do you have? (Printer, Scanner, Fax? Battery backups? Multiple monitors? Streaming devices?)
67. Do you want a projector wall?
68. Is video conferencing needed? What's the background?
69. What are your audio requirements? (surround sound? microphone? sound dampening?)
70. Do you want a garage? Attached or detached?
71. How many cars will you park inside and outside?
72. Will the garage also be used for hobbies?

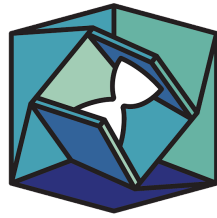


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PRICING

73. If we have to remove design elements to bring the cost down, which are you willing to sacrifice?
74. Which design elements must *not* be sacrificed to reduce cost?
75. Are you considering any DIY?
76. Do you want to break up the construction into phases?
77. How important is it to use products made in America?
78. How important is it to use products that are better for the environment?
79. Do you want gutters? Do you prefer half-round (\$\$) or K-style (\$) ? Copper (\$\$) or aluminum (\$) ?
80. What kind of roofing do you prefer (for high pitch roofs) - standing seam metal (\$\$) or asphalt shingles (\$) ?
81. What kind of roofing do you prefer (for low pitch roofs) - standing seam metal (\$\$) or EPDM rubber (\$) ?
82. Do you want a raw exposed concrete foundation, or do you prefer to spend a little extra finishing it - stone veneer (\$\$\$\$), brick veneer (\$\$\$), stucco (\$\$) or paint (\$) ?

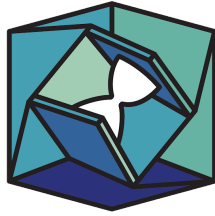


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PERMIT DRAWINGS

83. Which window type(s) do you prefer - casement, awning, double hung, glider, picture, bay, bow?
84. Do you prefer wood, aluminum, composite or vinyl windows?
85. Do you want screens? Fixed or removable?
86. What do you want automated in the garage? (door openers, vehicle lift, electric car charging station?)
87. For your bathroom exhaust fan(s) - do you prefer a fan/light combo or separate? Do you prefer a loud or quiet fan?
88. Do you want flood lights outside? Do you want them activated by motion sensors or switches?
89. Do you want ceiling outlets in the soffits for holiday lights?
90. Do you want a flood sensor in the laundry room and/or kitchen?
91. Do you want closet lights to come on automatically when you open the door?
92. Do you want switched outlets? (Do you prefer lamps or overhead lights?)
93. Do you want USB outlets?
94. Do you want dimmer switches?



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CONSTRUCTION PREP

95. Will you be living in the house during construction?
96. What items will you purchase yourself, or do you want the builder to purchase everything for you?

CONSTRUCTION

97. Does your house have electronics that will need consistent power throughout construction? (cameras, a security alarm, a refrigerator, etc.)
98. Does your house have a forced air heating / cooling system? (We highly recommend that it be turned off during construction, or isolated from the work area. The dust can be harmful to the system.)
99. Where is the staging area for materials?
100. During construction, we may need to ask you to make certain decisions ASAP - how can we reach you during business hours?