



Understanding your Exterior & Interior Selections

1.	<p>Choose a exterior design style Landscaping (understanding your landscape ideas can help us design your exterior) Exterior items & colors (siding, soffit, fascia, shingles, stone) Windows (style, trim color) Exterior doors (front door, patio doors, garage doors)</p>	
2.	<p>Tub & shower (one pce, freestanding, tiled etc.) Fireplace (gas, wood, electric) Style (stone, tile, craftsman etc.)</p>	
3.	<p>Plumbing fixture styles – consider the type of plumbing fixtures you want in your home (rain shower, bathroom & kitchen sink taps on the wall, freestanding etc.) <i>Note: Colors can be decided later</i></p>	
4.	<p>Lighting fixture styles -_ consider the type of lights you want in your home (hanging lights in the bathroom, sconces in the hallway, wall mounted lights on either side of a bathroom mirror, etc.) <i>Note: Actual fixtures to be chosen later</i></p>	
5.	<p>Electrical/Appliances – consider the type of electrical appliances you are wanting (chimney hood fan, hidden hood fan, retractable, wall mounted oven etc.)</p>	
	#6-8 are usually chosen together	
6.	<p>Lighting – choose light fixtures – choose your metal color</p>	
7.	<p>Interior woodwork styles – doors, casing, baseboards, railings, etc. <i>Note: color will be finalized later</i></p>	
8.	<p>Mirrors & Glass (bathroom, pantry, cabinet doors etc)</p>	
	#9-15 are usually chosen together	
9.	<p>Floors – your floor color will be the anchor point for all the other colors in your house. This is your 2nd color in home (metal in your lighting is your first) <i>Note: If you are looking for a classic and timeless look for wood or LVP floors your best options are light or medium brown. For tile floors whites, off-whites and natural colored neutrals.</i></p>	
10.	<p>Countertops – If you are going with white or light colored cabinets your countertops will dictate whether you should choose a true-white, off-white or cream palette. The same is true for wood stained cabinets, your countertops will dictate the shade of stain</p>	
11.	<p>Cabinets – Choose your door style, cabinet color and interior woodwork (trim) color - If your cabinets will be white, what shade a of white? A true-white, off-white, or cream? Generally, with whites you will want to match up your woodwork. However if you are choosing a colored or a wood stained kitchen you'll want to make sure your trim color compliments the colors you've chosen. <i>Note: Our standard white for trim and cabinets is Benjamin Moore Chantilly Lace, which is a true white.</i></p>	
12.	<p>Backsplash Tile – again you will be referencing your countertop for the color undertone as these 2 hard surfaces need to work together. A general guideline is to pick one pattern for your kitchen. Either in your backsplash or countertop but not in both unless you are using the same material for both. <i>The definition of classic and timeless design is "Will I be stuck in a specific colour scheme forever?" If the answer is NO, you're golden ~ Maria Killam</i></p>	
13.	<p>Fireplace - your kitchen should coordinate with your fireplace. You can carry over your countertop, backsplash or even your shaker cabinet doors. <i>Note: If choosing stone for your fireplace it is a good idea to keep in mind that the colors are generally earthy with many tones, so your fireplace will dictate the color scheme of the room it's in. This can be good or bad.</i></p>	

14.	Bathroom Tile (& Countertops) – your bathroom can be the same as your kitchen selections or you can chose to change it up. Note: If you are going for a classic and timeless look - stay away from all the busy, patterned, trendy tile and rather opt for a faux marble tile or classic black & white. Another way to keep your look timeless is to choose only 1 pattern. Either in the countertop or floor and keep the other hard surfaces neutral.	
15.	Paint Colours – choose your paint color last. Choose a color that co-ordinates with your hard finishes. If you know what color the furnishings that will be in the main the area this is another factor to keep in mind when deciding the wall color.	
	#16-18 are usually chosen together	
16.	Hardware – a general guideline to keep in mind when choosing cabinet hardware is to choose a knob & a pull (ie: a knob for your cabinet doors and pulls for the drawers). For your other hardware (towel rods etc.) you would generally choose a matching metal. However you can mix your metals (see #17)	
17.	Plumbing fixtures - anything other than chrome usually has an added cost. So for example if you love the look of flat black hardware in bathrooms, choose black for the faucet only and go with chrome for the shower hardware. Repeat the black in another area like your knobs & pulls.	
18.	Finalize your kitchen floor plan – cupboard locations and interior details	

“The order of the decisions that need to be made is very important! Once you make a few key colour and design choices in the beginning, the conversation about what comes next is less about ‘What you love’ and more about ‘What will look good with what you’ve already chosen.’” ~ Maria Killam (Color specialist)