

Lifestyle Survey

Before undertaking any decorating project, you need to evaluate the existing situation and décor to get a clear idea how to proceed with your decorating efforts. This survey addresses how you and your family live and interact within your existing living space. It will help you to decide how or what to change as you create your decorating plan.

The following exercise enables you to gather your thoughts together (or discover ones that have never occurred to you) to identify you and your family's everyday needs. Identifying how you use the rooms in your home and your family's activities are the root to many decorating decisions.

The answers you provide will help you to create a customized decorating plan for the rooms in your home that reflects your personality and lifestyle. This is not a test—there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer all of the questions as objectively as possible.

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Family Life

- How many family members live at home? _____
- How many adults are in the household? _____
- Number of children and their ages? _____
- Do you expect this number to change in the next five years? _____
- Are you planning to expand your family? _____
- Will some children be leaving the nest in the next few years? _____
- Do you have overnight visitors regularly? _____
- Do your parents or other relatives reside with you currently? _____
- Do you see this situation changing soon (in the next 6 months)? _____
One year or more? _____
- Do you have pets? _____ What kind? _____
Indoor or outdoor? _____
Do they have unlimited access to your home? _____

Family Activities

- How does your family spend time at home? _____
- What room does your family spend most of their time? _____
- Do you have a designated place for children to play? _____
- Do your children have sleep overs? _____
- Do you put your feet up on the furniture? _____
- * Do you listen to a lot of music? _____ Where? _____
- * Do you like playing board/card games? _____ Where? _____
- * Where do you eat meals?
In front of the television? _____
In bed? _____
At the kitchen table? _____
Standing at the stove with a fork in hand? _____
- Do you watch a lot of TV and movies? _____
Where? (list all the locations) _____

- How many people participate? _____
- Do you have enough seating for this activity? _____





- How many times a week do you do laundry? _____
- Do you like to have everything in a particular place? _____
- How much time do you spend doing housework (answer honestly)?

- Where do you store the following?

Canned goods _____

Plastic storage containers _____

Plastic grocery bags _____

Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)? _____

Materials to be recycled _____

Bed linens _____

CDs/DVDs _____

Seasonal decorations _____

Seasonal clothing _____

Important papers _____

Medium size appliances (food processor, blender, etc.) _____

Memorabilia and keepsakes _____

Sports equipment _____

Craft/Sewing supplies _____

Valuables (jewelry) _____

Tools _____





Your Home and Its Space

- Is your home exposed to a lot of outside traffic noise? _____
- Does your home have a lot of natural sunlight? _____
Or, is it dark inside? _____
- How long do you intend to live in your house? _____
- Are you planning to decorate for you own pleasure? _____
Or, are you planning to decorate for improved function? _____
- Are you planning to decorate for resale? _____
How much are you willing to spend? _____

Entertaining

- Do you entertain a lot? _____
Small groups? _____ Large groups _____
Formally or informally? _____
- Where do you normally entertain? (Circle all that apply)
Kitchen, dining room, family or living room, outdoors
- Where do you prefer to entertain? _____
- Do you like to cook? _____
- Do you do all of the food preparation yourself? _____
- Do you have your parties catered? _____
- Do you encourage potluck? _____
- Do you have indoor birthday parties for children? _____

Working From Home

- Does anyone in your household require a home office? _____
Full time? _____ Part time? _____
- Is this your primary place of business? _____
- Do you have employees? _____
- Do clients come to your office? _____
- Is you office accessible to a bathroom? _____
- Does your home office have or need a private entrance? _____
- Do your children need office-like space to do their homework? _____
- Can your home office be incorporated into an existing room designated for another use? _____

