Client Wish List Guidelines

Completing a "Wish List" is an important step of the design process. Getting your thoughts down on paper may help you prioritize the items that are most important to your project. To help you get started...

First off,try to think about the project in general terms, and write the general feel youwant from the home, and the property. Write a little about the privacy to maintain, or not, the relationshipto the street, and the best views to the ocean. Write about how the family is to use the house, will you be entertaininga lot, are there lots of kids around, and how the house will be used as thekids grow up.

Please writea little about the prevailing winds on the site, where the sun rises, sets, andthe best direct sun exposure. Also whereyou need privacy from neighbors, a street, or telephone pole and the like.

Howimportant is direct sunlight into the home, or do you prefer covered porchesand terraces to layer the home, and create outdoor rooms. Do you like shutters, what type of windows,window boxes?

Howconnected should the house be to the outdoors- what type of decks, terraces,covered areas and for what activities on all levels? Eating, Sitting, tanning- where would afuture pool be located, and what would be the shape and dimensions? What about second floor decks, sleepingporches, and widow’s walks? Does thesite require a screen porch? Is there abuilt-in grill, outdoor kitchen, or fireplace?

How manycars should fit in the driveway? Do youwant a half round drive in front? Arethere fences / fenced in yard? How deepshould the garage be- what is to be stored there besides cars?

Interior

Please writeout a description for each room you would like, with detail per room, as if youare walking through the house. Forexample, Formal Foyer off covered entry or wrap porch, with gracious stairs,large coat closet, interesting ceiling detail with medallion and hangingfixture, 10’ high ceilings, with large entry into Living area or Great Room.Specify where there are built-ins, or furniture which must fit in a particularroom, with the dimensions of the piece.

Are thereBack Stairs? Are there to be shareddecks off bedrooms? Is there a coffeebar in the Master?

Are thereshared Baths on the Second Floor, or is each bedroom with it’s own Bath- detailthese baths- number of sinks, shower size with bench vs soaking tub. Linen closets, where is Laundry room- size?

Are thebedroom closets walk-in or poles behind doors?

In theKitchen and Baths, detail any size appliance or fixture you have in mind. For example, in the Master Bath, doublesinks, walk-in shower with separate soaking tub, access outside to outdoorshower.

In theKitchen one or two sinks, how many dishwashers, is there a pantry, what detailson island, what room is it open to, or not. Is there access outside to outdoor dining? Views? Please specify appliances. Do you like an island or two, prep or withappliances in them, and how much island seating?

Do you havepreferences to the heating system, air conditioning, and where? Ceiling fansand where?

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