

Pre Build Questionnaire

General

- Do you want an open floor plan or a traditionally divided floor plan?
- Do you have children, or do you anticipate having any? How many?
- Will you have frequent overnight guests? Grown children? College students? Grandparents?
- How often do you entertain? What is the size of a typical gathering at your home?
- Are there certain rooms that will be primarily used for entertaining?

Exterior

- Do you have any preference for a particular style, i.e. Tudor, French country, contemporary, etc.?
- Do you prefer a one-, two-, or three-story house?
- Do you desire any particular architectural features, such as bay windows, gables, or French doors?
- Which exterior siding do you prefer? Brick, stone, stucco?
- Which window style do you prefer? Do you require super energy-efficient models or tinted glass?

Site

- Do you already own a lot on which to build?
- Are there any views you wish to capture?
- Are there any views to be avoided?
- Do you want morning light in any rooms or outdoor areas?
- Do you want sunset views from any particular rooms or outdoor areas?

Outdoor Living

- Would you like access from a particular room(s) to specific outdoor areas?
- Do you want a patio? A deck?
- Do you want a built-in grill?
- Do you want any garden structures or features, such as a fountain or lily pond?
- Do you want a pool? A hot tub? Sauna?

Living Room

- Describe the room you envision.
- How do you want to use this room?
- Should it have a view?
- How many people do you wish to seat comfortably? Do you want a fireplace?
- Do you need storage or display space? What kind?

Family Room

- How do you want to use this room?
- How many people do you wish to seat comfortably?
- Should it have a view?
- Do you want a fireplace? Will you locate the sound system here?

Kitchen

- Do you cook frequently? Does more than one person usually cook at the same time?
- Is low maintenance important?
- Do you want an eat-in kitchen? Dining at a table, counter, or both?
- Will you entertain in the kitchen?
- Do you prefer a particular style of cabinets?
- Will you watch TV here? Play games? Read?
- Do you want one or two sinks?
- Do you have a material in mind for the counters? For the floor?

Dining Area

- How do you want to use this room?
- Do you entertain formally or informally?
- How frequently will you use this room?
- How many people do you wish to seat?
- Could it be used for an additional purpose?

Home Office/Study

- Is this a room you desire? Need? Should it be a separate room?
- What equipment do you anticipate here?
- Could this double as a guest room?

Master Bedroom

- Do you prefer the master suite to be located on the first or second floor?
- Do you want a sitting area or adjoining sitting room?
- Do you want a fireplace?
- Is the view important to you?
- Will you read here? Watch TV?
- Do you want any built-in furnishings?
- Do you want access to the outdoors?
- Do you want a separate dressing room? If so, for use by one or two people?
- Do you want walk-in closets? If so, for use by one or two people?

Master Bathroom

- Is the view important to you?
- Is the amount of natural light important to you?
- Do you prefer a pedestal or vanity-style sink? Do you want two sinks?
- What are your storage needs? For cosmetics and hair appliances? For towels?
- Do you want a shower for two? A steam unit? An oversized whirlpool tub?
- Do you want a private toilet area? Do you want a bidet?

Additional Bed/Bathrooms

- How many of each will you need?
- Can a guestroom serve a dual purpose?
- What kind of shower/tub combination do you prefer in each?
- What kind of sinks and storage?

Linen Closet

- How much space will you require for bedding? Towels? Out-of-season blankets?
- Will you store anything else here?

Attic/Basement

- Will you need rooms in these areas other than for mechanical storage? For a playroom? Workshop? Darkroom? Crafts room?
- Would you prefer an attached or unattached garage?
- How many cars do you drive regularly?
- What are your parking needs in addition to garage spaces?
- Will you store lawn equipment here? Garden tools?
- Will you store strollers and bikes, canoes, skis, or other athletic equipment here?