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New Home Questionnaire

For Your New Home or Remodel



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Larkspur CA Residence

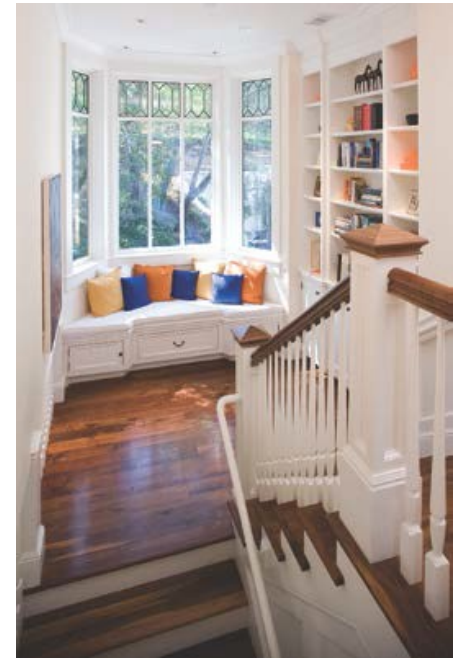
LIFESTYLE

1. Is socializing a priority for you?

2. Do you like to host dinner parties?

3. Do you cook yourself or prefer a caterer?

4. Do you have frequent out-of -town guests? Long-term visitors? Do they bring pets or children with them?



Stair Landing

5. Do you want to have outdoor barbecues and/or entertain outdoors at night?

6. Where and when do you read? For example, at the breakfast table, in bed before sleeping, outside in a shady hammock...

7. Do you spend a lot of time outdoors near your home? Do you do hiking, gardening, water sports, and/or recreation directly near home?

8. Do you need quiet seclusion – a place of your own? Would it include hobby equipment, such as paints, sewing supplies, or tools?

9. Are you casually or meticulously organized?

10. Are you collectors? Do you have items you would like to display, or that need special treatment such as temperature or humidity control?

11. Do you have hobbies/interests that require special areas, such as a gardening shed, horses, car collections, exercise/dance space, a workshop, studio, or other custom storage space?



Closet space, Sausalito CA

12. Do you exercise indoors? With machines?

13. Are there any special health/safety/access considerations?

14. How do you spend your time together in the home? Cooking? TV? Reading?

15. Do you need space for employees? Will you have a nanny, housekeeper, etc.?

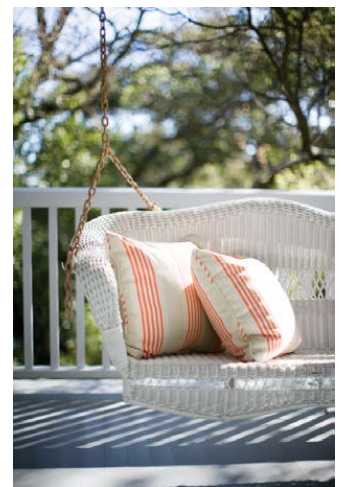
16. Do you have services in your home; massages, hairstylist, etc.?

17. Will you need "in-law" quarters?

18. Do you use music in your home – if so, would you like it limited to one room with soundproofing, or have the option of playing it throughout the home?

19. Do you want outdoor speakers?

20. Do you have a favorite time of day? How do you spend it?



21. What colors, shapes, and materials do you like?

22. Are green building and eco-friendly solutions a priority?

23. Do you want a 'smart' home with custom security and electrical/software systems?

24. Do you have children? Do they need defined areas for play, study, socializing, hobbies, etc.?

25. Do you have pets? If so, do you want a grooming area, sleeping space, meal area, indoor/ outdoor pens or gates, etc.?



Dining Room, Marin County

26. When you imagine this home, what images come to mind...formal, contemporary, rustic, Country, Tuscan, etc?

27. In which room of your current home do you spend most of your time? What would you like to have in this room?

28. Homes you have lived in - what do you like best as you think of them?

29. What frustrates you most about the home you live in now – size, layout, design, etc.?

ENTRY

30. How would you like this home to make you feel as you step inside? Is it more important to feel secure, grand, have a view of the outdoors or a favorite object...?

31. How do you want this home to make guests feel when they step inside – welcomed, impressed, open and airy?

32. Describe any special features you would like in the entry (garden, fountain, furniture).

KITCHEN

33. Do you want special areas or equipment/appliances such as extra dishwashers, warming drawers, cooling drawers, wine coolers, large island, extra sinks/prep areas, etc.? Please list:

[Redacted text area]

34. Do you like pantries for food or dishware storage? What about a butler's pantry for caterers, formal dishware, and serving pieces?

[Redacted text area]

35. Should the informal eating area be in the kitchen? At a table? At a counter?

[Redacted text area]

36. Seating in the informal area: for up to how many?

[Redacted text area]



Fairfield kitchen



Larkspur kitchen



Pantry

37. What time of day is your main meal?

38. Do you like to eat outdoors?

39. Do you mind guests in the kitchen, or guests seeing the kitchen?

40. Will there be teenagers entertaining/cooking?

41. Is the kitchen its own space or is it part of/open to another space?

42. Would you like the kitchen area to be roomy, or more of an average size compared to the square footage of the home?

43. Will it be an important gathering space for family and friends?

44. What else would be important to consider in the kitchen design; lots of windows, extra storage, built in desk, TV, window seat, herb garden, etc.?



Dining room, Monterra

LIVING AREA(S)

45. How are these spaces used; children having friends over, TV viewing, entertaining, etc.?

46. Seating for how many?

47. When you entertain, is it in large groups or small groups typically?

48. What kind of stereo/media equipment will you have? Do you want a separate media room?

49. Do you want the fireplace for the big open room or focused into a smaller seating area in the same space?



Living room Larkspur



Living room

50. When you speak of outdoor living area, do you imagine it adjacent to the indoor living or in separate space to which you go?

51. Approximately what size do you have in mind?

Please note any other thoughts on the living area.

DINING AREA

52. What type of table do you see having in this space? Is a round table acceptable for dining? How many people do you wish to seat at this table?

53. Do you need serving space within the dining room?

54. Is this room completely open to another space, or partially or completely separate?

55. Do you wish to have this area directly accessible to outdoor living area(s)? Do you imagine outdoor dining adjacent to the indoor dining room, or a separate area to which you would go?

56. Do you enjoy lingering after the meal at the table talking? Or do you prefer another spot after the meal to talk? Where?

OFFICE SPACE(S)

57. Will you have a computers/equipment set up permanently?

58. Do you need space for an assistant? Will the assistant be in the same room, or separate but nearby?

59. Will you need meeting space?



First floor, Monterra

60. Will you be sharing the space with family members; will they need a separate desk?

61. Which other space(s) should the offices be related to?

62. How much of the space will need bookshelves; one wall? More?

63. Would you like a furnished space for reading etc.?

64. Do you prefer furniture for storage, or built-in storage? Concealed (in closet) or open in the room?

65. Should this room have a private outdoor space or open to one of the main outdoor spaces?

TV ROOM /LIBRARY

66. What space should this be closely related to?

67. Flat screen TV -- fixed to a wall?

68. Seating for how many?

69. What type of furniture – large sectional; multiple sofas/ recliners? Game table?

[Redacted]

70. Is this space a separate media room in any way similar to the spaces we have seen?

[Redacted]

71. Will this need to include a play area? For what ages?

[Redacted]

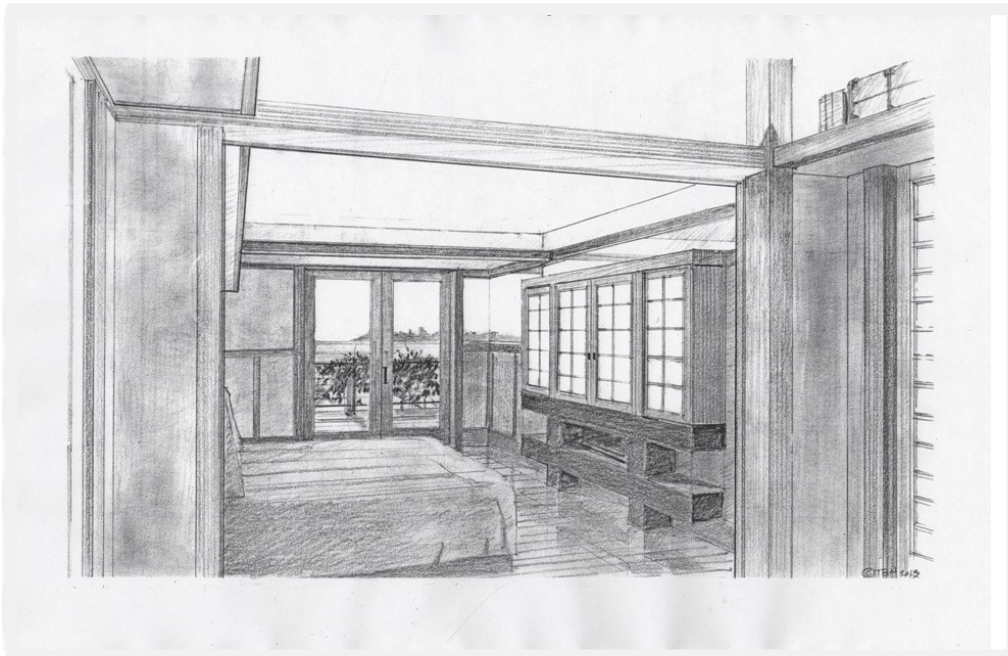
72. Please note any other thoughts about this room.

[Redacted]

MASTER BEDROOM

73. How do you want this room to make you feel when you wake up?

[Redacted]



Bedroom, Los Gatos CA

74. Bed size?

75. Do you prefer a separate dressing room(s) or are closets in the bedroom OK?

76. Do you want a seating area in this room to be open or in a quiet alcove? Loft?

77. Do either of you like to get up early or sleep in late?

78. Is this room cozy and intimate or open and spacious?

79. Do you want a fireplace? If so, open to the room or to a quiet alcove with seating?

80. Will there be a TV in this room?

81. Do either of you like the sun to wake you?

82. Is a view important?

83. Do you read in bed?

84. Talk about when and how you will use a patio or other outdoor area off the master such as a hot tub, reading area, or private sunning space.

85. Would you want a kitchenette for juice, coffee and snacks in your master? Is a massage area important?

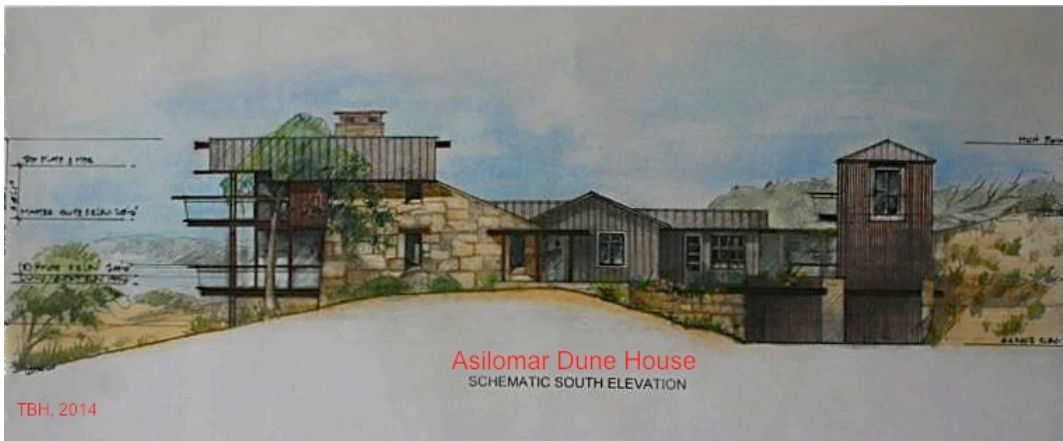
86. Will the Master Suite be in a separate wing/area from the other bedrooms?

MASTER BATH

87. Do you prefer to always be in the bathroom alone?

88. Do you bathe/shower in the morning or evening?

89. Is a secluded view important?



Asilomar

90. Do you want a tub? Whirlpool? For two?

91. Is the shower for two?

92. 1 or 2 sinks? More?

93. Is the commode in a compartment or part of the room?

94. Special linen storage needs?

95. Would you like closet space connected to all or part of the bath?

96. Do you want a makeup table? Lighted mirrors?

97. Do you want a bidet?

98. Do you have any special rituals around bathing?

99. Do you wish to have two bathroom areas for the master suite?

100. Are there any special safety needs for this space?

101. Would you like heated flooring?

BEDROOMS

102. Who are these rooms for?

103. What are the differences you might imagine for each of these rooms?

104. What size beds in each?

105. Closet space – walk-ins?

106. Storage cabinets and built-ins?



Guest room, Ross CA



Window view, Monterra

107. Should the rooms have sitting or desk areas?

108. Should these rooms have direct relations or shared space (such as a bathroom) with other rooms?

109. Would the rooms be larger than average?

110. Should they have special features – sitting area, loft, garden, patio?

111. Any special access considerations?

112. Live in help?

113. Will you have any separate guest quarters such as a casita?

BATHROOMS

114. Tub, shower or both?

115. How many sinks in each?

116. Should the bedrooms have direct access to a bath, or is one or more of the baths accessed from a hall?



Custom bath, Marin County

117. Linen storage: in the bathroom or in a hall closet?

[Redacted]

LAUNDRY / UTILITY

118. Full size machines? Front or top loading? Stacked units?

[Redacted]

119. What other use will this space have? (projects, flower arranging, ironing, etc.)

[Redacted]



Arts and Crafts home in Larkspur CA



Stairs, Monterra CA



Stairwell, Quincy CA

120. Storage for what type of things – cleaning supplies, gift wrap, vacuum, etc.?

121. What other spaces should this room be related to?

122. Any special laundry requirements – sink, cabinets, hanging clothing, etc.?

123. Can you imagine having a small laundry area in the Master Suite Area for convenience, in addition to a shared (larger) laundry / utility space?

STORAGE

124. Comments on closets...

125. Do you like built-in dressers or prefer furniture?

126. How about double hanging or specialties (for shoes, jewelry, etc.) in the closets?

127. Do you collect wine?

128. How much wine do you keep in storage?

129. Do you wish to have wine storage accessible to any other spaces? Visible?

130. Do you want a space to taste wine or entertain in the wine storage area?

131. What other special needs do you anticipate, i.e. for sports equipment, collections, pets, children, vehicles (cars, boats, motorcycles, terrain vehicle, RVs, bicycles)?

132. How many vehicles do you wish to have on the property?

133. Can they be in one space or do they need separate areas for storage, maintenance, etc.?



Exterior view, Monterra home

OUTDOORS

134. Pool? Pool house?

135. Garden(s)

136. Landscaping

137. Garage: attached or separate?

138. Workshop: attached or separate

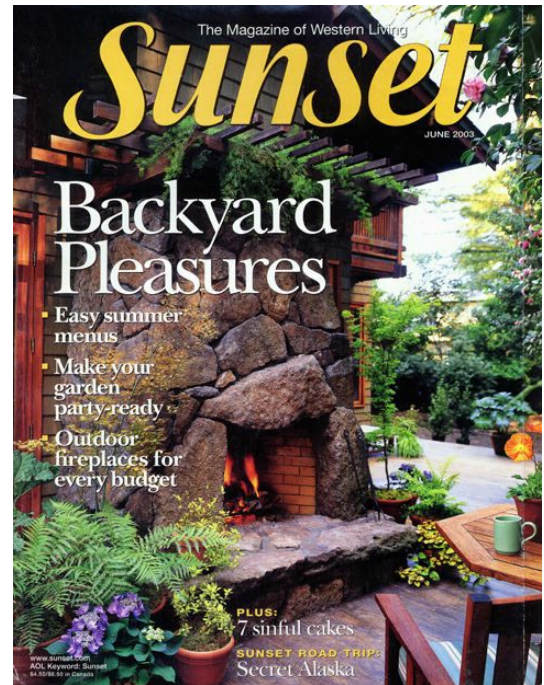
139. Gardening shed

140. Horse(s)?

141. Yard – size?

142. Outdoor wine cellar

143. Tennis



Architect's Residence

144. RV space?

VACATION HOME

145. Do you have any favorite times in the area?

146. Describe your dream vacation home.

147. Are there amenities in your main residence you want to incorporate?

148. How do you imagine using the vacation house? Individual family vacations; group family gatherings? If so, when?

149. Which family members will be involved in decisions about a house project?

150. Please include how many children, number of boys and girls, and their ages.

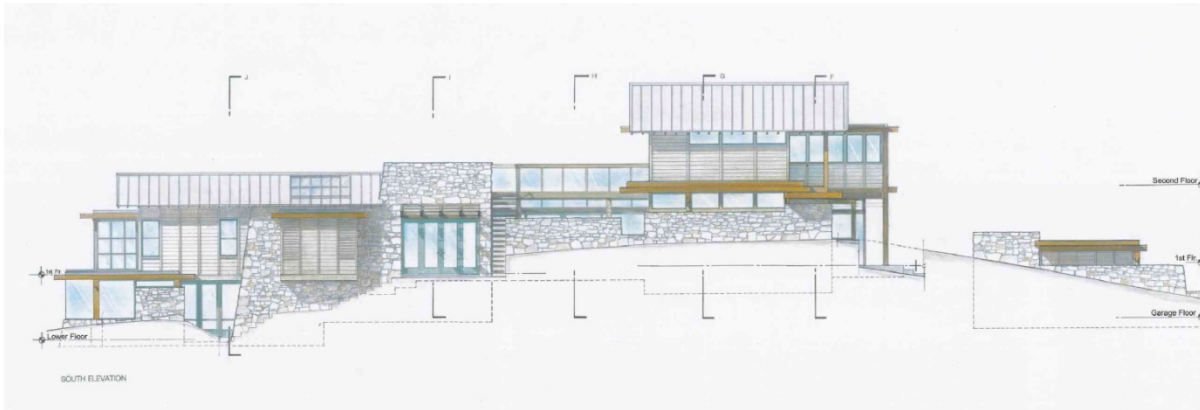
151. If more than one family gathers at the house, can you imagine children “bunking” together in one or more rooms?

152. Do you want a design that accommodates full-time residency by a family member?

153. What kind of personal accommodations, furnishings, and/or secure storage would you prefer for a house that is shared by several family members?

154. How many for family gatherings when dining together?

155. Are built-in beds e.g. “Murphy beds”, bunks, or trundle beds acceptable for large gatherings, or will you use other furniture such as sleeper sofas?



Rendering, Asilomar dunes project

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