

*"Interior Design is making the best possible use of the available space." – Author Unknown*

## **How to Integrate Interior Designers into the Professional World**

You have a degree, now what?

### **Traits great designers possess**

1. Education and Training
2. Stellar Communication Skills
3. Planning Skills and Design Know How

Construction administrators

Project managers

Space planning

ADA compliance regulations and Fire and Safety Codes

4. Management Skills
5. Creativity

*"Nothing comes cheap, though the educated eye will always spot very nice things for the least money." - Albert Hadley*

*"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Design is knowing which ones to keep."*  
- Scott Adams

**Tips for new designers**

1. Believe in Yourself
2. Be Brave
3. Listen in school!
4. Perfection should not be the goal
5. Take your time on finish selection and lighting
6. Find your Niche
7. Therapy is part of the job
8. Have a proper business plan before starting any business

**Fixed fee method**

**Hourly and cost + method (Value Based Method)**

*"Decorating is not about making stage sets, it's not about making pretty pictures for the magazines; it's really about creating quality of life, a beauty that nourishes the soul."*  
- Albert Hadley

**What does success in the design field look like?**

*"What does success look like? A house that is like the life that goes with it, a house that give us beauty as we understand it – and beauty of a nobler kind that we may grow to understand."*  
- Elsie de Wolfe