

Helping clients define their dreams

Tips on how to keep a tight focus on what your ideal home should be

“In my dreams....” people often say with a chuckle—but, given the opportunity to make their dreams a reality—how do people ensure their dream home turns out the way they had always hoped?

Planning is the key to success in most situations, and it’s definitely the key to success in achieving your dream home. We’ve all thought about what we would do to our homes if we had the time, the money, or the energy.

Often, people enlist designers or contractors for help—which is great, as sometimes an outsider can offer a fresh perspective. However, if you are looking for some guidance before calling in the professionals here are a few things to think about.

Put aside your “wants”

list for a moment and focus on your “needs” list. Instead of “I want a bigger kitchen,” think “I need more storage space.” In many

instances your needs list will actually drive your wants list.

This will allow you to achieve a functional space in addition to the look you have dreamed

about.

Analyze those magazine clippings you have been filing away. What is it about them that you love? Is it the style, the layout, the colours?

Circle items, and don’t be afraid to make notes. Many people can’t remember what they liked about an image after a little time goes by.

Everyone has an opinion. If you take your time and think your decisions through

carefully you will be less likely to get confused by your family or friends who will offer advice or suggestions that worked for them.

This is your dream home, not theirs. And remember, if you are having doubts the professionals can always help you find your way.

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Balancing your wants and needs are a key to getting a satisfying result when it comes to creating that dream home renovation. *Contributed photos*



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