



Please use the back of the pages if necessary to add more information.
Please have each adult answer the questions if possible.

- 1) Please list full names of all family members (and ages:)
- 2) Please list current mailing address:
- 3) Please list the contact phone number(s) and email(s) for adults in the home:
- 4) Why are you building a house at this time?
- 5) Will this be your “forever” house?
- 6) If not, how long do you expect to stay in your new house?
- 7) Do you have a building lot yet? If not, do you need assistance in lot selection?
- 8) Have you ever built a house from the ground up before? If not, have you ever renovated a house before?
- 9) If yes to either of the above, please describe the best thing about the experience? The worst thing?
- 10) What size house (square footage) do you wish to build? Why do you feel you need this particular size house?
- 11) What size house are you currently living in?
- 12) How do you feel about the quality versus quantity tradeoff, i.e. smaller houses with better materials, versus larger houses with less fine materials?
- 13) How many people will live in the house intermittently (i.e. college kids home for the summer)?



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- 14) 10 years from now, how many people do you envision living in the house full time?
- 15) Do you foresee having any parents live with you in the future? If so, how would you envision accommodating them (separate quarters or integrated with the main house, etc)?
- 16) Do you have any pets and/or do you plan on getting pets in the future? Please describe.
- 17) Do you have a favorite building? Why is it your favorite?
- 18) Outside of sentimental reasons, is there any building, space or place you have been that made you feel unusually happy? Can you define whether it was the daylight, the spatial arrangement or other factors that made you feel this way?
- 19) Are there any things in particular that you have seen in a house design or in someone else's house that you like? Please describe.
- 20) Do you like design or shelter magazines? If so, which ones?
- 21) Is there a particular architectural style that you prefer?
- 22) Is the architectural style of the house an important element to you?
- 23) What other elements of a house are important to you?
- 24) Are there any features in your current house that you might like to see incorporated in the new design?
- 25) Is there something in particular you would like to **avoid** in your new design?
- 26) Do you enjoy spatial variety?
- 27) Do you sometimes need to feel closed and protected?
- 28) Do you consider yourself more private or social? Introverted or extroverted - (or any combination thereof)?
- 29) Do you like rain and differing weather? Or do you only like sunshine?
- 30) Do you enjoy different seasons? Or do you only like spring and summer?
- 31) What does your idea of "home" mean to you? (Please circle any which apply and note your most important descriptors. Feel free to add other notes and comments):

Family togetherness
Safety
Sanctuary

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Coziness
Cocooning
Expansiveness
Welcoming
Nesting
Inspiring
Nurturing
Reinforcing Family ties
Serene
Boisterous
Peaceful
Convenient
Artistic Expression
Aesthetics
Conformity
Non-conformity
Security
Practicality
Independence
Comfort
Closeness to Nature
Private
Sociability
Restful
Busy
Creativity
Leisure
Achievement
Eccentricity
High Design
Prestige

Other (please list)

- 32) What are your favorite materials? Can you describe why you like them?
- 33) What are your favorite colors?
- 34) Please circle the adjectives that describe the kinds of colors you like:

Bright
Clear
Hot
Cool
Dominant
Clashing
Deep
Rich
Intense

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Positive
Exuberant
Mellow
Delicate
Variegated
Contrasting
Raw
Monochrome
Neutral
Quiet
Serene
Peaceful
Vibrant
Optimistic
Moody
Other (please list)

35) How do you like to live (most of the time)?

Casually
Informally
Formally
Inexpensively
Modestly
Luxuriously
Pampered
Actively
Quietly
Busily
Other:

36) How do you like to entertain and what is your entertaining style?

Family centered get togethers
Casual friends' get togethers
Formal dinner parties
Outside whenever possible
Informal dinner parties; if so, where in your house?
Most or all of the above
Prefer to be private and not entertain at home
Other

37) When you do entertain, do you enjoy cooking for guests?

38) Do you enjoy having houseguests?

39) If you work from home, do you have clients coming to your home office? Parking needs for

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clients, if any?

- 40) Should there be a consideration for special access (such as braille, ramps, elevator, etc) other than general universal access design that I incorporate into all projects? If so, please describe:



- 41) Conservation of natural resources: Please note any you are interested in:

- Active solar energy
- Passive solar energy
- Solar Hot Water Heating
- Passivhaus Principles/super insulation
- Non-central heat (wood-burning stoves, etc.)
- Ground-source (Geothermal) heating and cooling
- Avoidance of use of non-renewable resources in construction

- 42) Does any resident of the house have any known chemical sensitivities? Please list.
- 43) In the summer, do you spend most of your time indoors or outdoors? What types of outdoor activities do you like to do?
- 44) Are you a morning or evening person?
- 45) What is your favorite time of day? i.e. dawn, noon, afternoon, twilight, evening?
- 46) Do you sleep well or do you have trouble sleeping? If so, please describe physical impediments to sleep (i.e. too much noise, too bright in the room, etc).
- 47) What time of day are you most productive when you are working?
- 48) Are you a “fresh air” person? i.e. do you like to open windows for fresh air? Or do you prefer a more conditioned space year round?

*****PROGRAMMATIC QUESTIONS*****

Please differentiate between items that are “must-haves” versus “nice to have’s”. This will be critical in terms of budget planning later.

- 49) What space do you consider the “center” of your home?
- 50) What type of group/public spaces (living, dining, kitchen) do you envision?
- 51) Do you like a great room/open concept that integrates living, dining and kitchen in a larger space, or do you prefer more separated rooms?
- 52) Do you need any other public spaces such as game room, den, tv room, etc?

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- 53) What kind of activities do you do in your living room? (i.e. watch tv, card games, read, etc).
- 54) Do you have any special item that will affect the size and layout? (i.e. grand piano, pool table, loom, etc).
- 55) Do you require a religious or special cultural space for your family? Please describe.
- 56) Do you take your shoes off in the house?
- 57) Do you have a preference for kitchen layout from the following archetypes?
 - a) U-shape
 - b) Galley (or Corridor)
 - c) L-Shape
 - d) Island (works with any of the above layouts)
- 58) How many cooks typically work at the same time in your kitchen?
- 59) Describe your ideal sized kitchen?
- 60) Do you keep kosher or have any food separation requirements (i.e. food separation for vegans from carnivores)?
- 61) Please list the appliances you require? i.e. one or two ovens; gas range vs. electric; speciality items such as warming drawers; separate freezer, etc.
- 62) Do you bake?
- 63) Does the kitchen need a desk area?
- 64) Does the kitchen need cookbook shelving? How much?
- 65) Do you want a pantry room near the kitchen? If so, what size pantry do you envision and what do you need to store in there other than food? (i.e. appliances, wine refrigerator, etc)
- 66) Do you need both a breakfast room and a dining room?
- 67) Can a kitchen island function as a breakfast area or do you need a separate breakfast table?
- 68) Do you need a dining room? How big is your dining table (with leaves extended)? Can this be part of the great room or do you want a dedicated/separated dining room?
- 69) Will the dining table have other functions (such as a homework table)?
- 70) Do you need a separate bar area?
- 71) Do you need a dedicated "charging station" for electronic devices?
- 72) Will you have a TV(s)? What rooms need to accommodate a TV?

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- 73) Do you like fireplaces? For warmth, ambience or both?
- 74) What room(s) should have a fireplace and what type? gas, ethanol, or wood?
- 75) How many linear feet of bookshelves do you need? Can the bookshelves be placed throughout the house, or do you need them together?
- 76) Special storage needs: what types of things do you need stored and how much space? i.e. kayaks, art supplies, etc.
- 77) Do you need a garage? One or two car (or more)? How much garage storage do you need in the garage and what do you need to store?
- 78) Please describe the different functions you need in the mudroom area? (i.e. shoe storage, cubbies, pet leash hooks, pet litter boxes, etc).
- 79) Can the laundry area be combined with the mudroom or do you want them separate?
- 80) Are there any other functions the laundry room needs to accommodate (such as crafting, washing the dog, etc)?
- 81) For the master suite, please describe all the spatial requirements: i.e. how many walk in closets and what size; how big does the master bedroom need to be - i.e. will it need a sitting area also or just the bed; do you want a fireplace in there?; what plumbing fixtures do you need in the master bath - two sinks? separate water closet? shower for two? tub or no tub?
- 82) How many other bedrooms do you need?
- 83) What size do the other bedrooms need to be (not including closet)?
- 84) Can the other bedrooms share a bathroom?
- 85) Do you need any dedicated home office(s)? What size? What equipment will go there?
- 86) Do you need a dedicated "powder room" in your house?
- 87) Do you enjoy screen porches?
- 88) What activities do you do on decks or porches?
- 89) Do you need an outside kitchen or cooking area?
- 90) Do you need help with furniture or art selection if offered at no extra cost as part of the design package? (Please note that help with light fixtures, tile and plumbing selections is included in design fees.)

*****BUILDING SITE RELATED QUESTIONS:*****

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- 91) If you have a site already, has a topographic survey been prepared yet?
- 92) Do you have city water and sewer or do you need well and septic?
- 93) Has the septic area been determined and marked?
- 94) Are there any easements or covenants that affect the property?
- 95) Is the site adjacent or near any body of water?
- 96) Are there any resource conservation district or floor plain setbacks that affect your site?
- 97) Is there any danger of erosion or flooding on your site?
- 98) Are there trees to be saved?
- 99) Is there south solar access for a photovoltaic array?
- 100) Please describe what you love the most about your site?
- 101) What are the most valuable things to you that your site offers? Trees? Water? Views? Privacy? Proximity?
- 102) Are there any noise issues on your property, such as traffic, neighbors, etc?
- 103) Is there any natural shade on your property?
- 104) Are there any special outdoor activities that should be planned for such as a future pool, etc?
- 105) Do you garden? Would you like a garden on your site? If so, what kind (vegetables, flowers, etc) and size?
- 106) Should there be a fence or wall around all or part of the garden or yard?
- 107) Are there any plant, wildlife or bird habitats to protect?
- 108) How much parking (family + guest) do you need?
- 109) If allowed, do you plan to have a chicken coop?

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