

MEG TAWES

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO YOU CHARGE A FEE FOR AN INITIAL CONSULTATION?

There is no fee for an initial consultation.

WHAT IS YOUR FEE STRUCTURE?

Meg charges an hourly rate of \$125 per hour along with a flat 20 percent markup on purchases.

WHAT SORT OF PROJECTS DO YOU DO?

Meg specializes in custom interiors. From a large-scale whole house remodel, to color consultations, we will do it all! While the bulk of projects are residential in nature, 'light' commercial projects are welcome!

WHAT IS YOUR 'STYLE'?

Meg's personal style, and the bulk of her projects, are largely 'transitional' in nature. 'Transitional' refers to interiors which embrace both traditional and more contemporary elements at the same time. That being said, custom interiors require a large degree of flexibility on the part of a designer and Meg enjoys projects which are wholly traditional or contemporary in nature.

WHERE DO YOU SOURCE FURNITURE AND OTHER ITEMS?

Most of the new furniture, fixtures, flooring, cabinetry, and accessories used in our projects come from trade resources. For a list of current trade accounts, please see the following link. We are always happy to set up accounts with new manufacturers on behalf of our clients. That being said, we are often asked to incorporate existing furniture, artwork, and accessories into new designs and enjoy the challenge of incorporating old and new!

CAN YOU / WILL YOU WORK WITH MY ARCHITECT?

Although there is some overlap in skill sets and training, Architects and Interior Designers work differently. Most Architects are well-versed in structure and building design, but do not necessarily work with details of interiors (though some do). Interiors Designers' skill sets are geared more toward kitchen and bath design, custom cabinetry and built-ins, color schemes, flooring specifications, and wall and window treatments. The ideal design team consists of both an Architect and an Interior Designer working in conjunction with a skilled and licensed contractor or builder.

HOW LONG DOES THE TYPICAL KITCHEN RENOVATION TAKE FROM START TO FINISH?

Custom kitchens require significant planning and detailed construction drawings. The process begins with an initial meeting to discuss your design needs and to preview the space to be renovated. Once a Design Services Agreement is signed, a 'photo measure' will take place, where Meg (and team) will come to your space to measure and photograph the kitchen and adjacent areas.

The photo measure generally is scheduled for **within a week of signing** the Design Services Agreement. Once the field measurements are complete, the team will need anywhere from **two to four weeks** to complete the drawings, depending on the complexity of the project and scheduling needs.

A Design Presentation is then scheduled to review the various schemes and finalize the design. Drawing revisions generally require another **two to three weeks** of work (again, dependent on complexity and scheduling).

This final set of drawings will permit us to move forward with a cabinet order. Semi-custom and custom cabinetry has a lead time of **six to eight weeks**. During this time, you will work with Meg to finalize finishes, plumbing, and other selections.

Your contractor will likely begin demolition two weeks prior to delivery of the cabinets and will likely require an additional **three to four weeks** to complete the installation. All in, from photo measure to completion, **12 to 17 weeks** is a solid estimate for the design process.

ARE YOU AN INTERIOR DESIGNER OR A DECORATOR? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Meg is an Interior Designer and member of both the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and International Interior Design Association (IIDA). She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Interior Design from George Washington University. As an Interior Designer, she is trained to create detailed interior drawings for complex renovations and remodels. However, much like a Decorator, she also enjoys the decorative aspect of the design process. Decorative projects, while not as complex from a drawing standpoint, still create require a deliberate design approach, incorporating functional needs with aesthetic concerns. Both types of projects are welcome and enjoyed!