



Why Hire an ARCHITECT?

Which picture do you want your house to be?

living spaces

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Few people realize how complicated it is to build. That is, until they find themselves lost in the maze of design options, building codes, zoning laws, and contractors. No two building projects are exactly alike, so there is no single, clear-cut path to follow.

The architect is the one professional who has the education, training, experience, and vision to guide you through the entire design and construction process, from helping you define what you want to build to helping you get the most for your construction dollar.

Architects see the big picture.

They don't just design four walls and a roof -- they create total environments, interiors and exteriors, that satisfy functional needs and are exciting, dynamic spaces in which to live. Whether you are remodeling, adding on, or building from scratch, an architect can guide the way. Architects can help you end up with a well-designed project that meets your needs and works with your budget and time frame.



Architects Solve Problems

Most building projects start with a want or need. But how does that need or want get translated into square feet and three-dimensional space? That is what architects are trained to do: solve problems in creative ways.

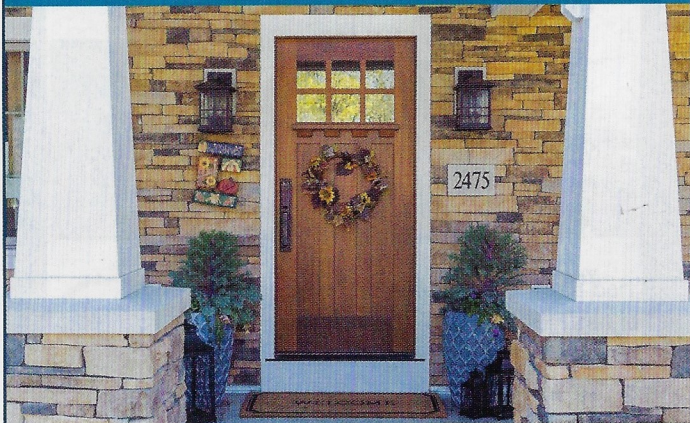
With their broad knowledge of design and construction, architects can show you options you might never have considered.



Architects Can Save You Money

The architect's services are a wise investment for the money, not an added cost to your project. Why? Because a well-conceived project can be built more efficiently and economically.

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Architects plan your project with you. As your ideas evolve, changes can be made on paper much less expensively than later on, when construction is underway. Thorough drawings also make it easier for the contractor to accurately price and build your project.

Architects Can Make Your Life Easier

Any renovation project is a long process that is often messy and disruptive, particularly if you are living in the space under construction. The architect is your advocate, and finds ways to make that process go smoothly. They will also sort out complex building codes and zoning laws and help with city approvals. They can help you find qualified contractors based on your requirements. During construction, the architect visits the site to help verify that the project is being built according to plans and specifications. The best projects are created when the client, architect, and contractor work together as a team.

Designing a building is an exciting, creative challenge. The process can be fun, satisfying, and positive. If at any time in the design process you are uncomfortable, discuss your concerns with your architect. Don't worry if you don't have all the answers. The architect can help you clarify your goals.

Your home is probably the most expensive asset you'll ever own. Therefore, it is imperative to have the right relationships



in place. Hiring an architect is the cost of a few appliances, but instead you are receiving representation for protecting your biggest asset. Your architect will be the one who can provide the judgment, technical expertise, and creative skills, at a reasonable cost, to help you realize a project that fits your practical needs, as well as your dreams.