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## A guide to working with PlanTheSpace

Below is an outline of the steps we'll take together as we design your home. This process is meant to be fun, engaging and democratic. It involves sketches, drawings, computer models, lots of ideas - both good + bad through analysis and good humor. I think the best outcomes are the result of following each of the steps below to completion.

Good design is the synthesis of many disparate ideas into a thoughtful whole, and while the steps below represent a linear path, the way we arrive at the final stages isn't always linear. It's an iterative process, which leads to a product; it's not a known product from the beginning. The product is a result of following the design process to its logical endpoint. This, I believe, is what makes custom design so exciting and memorable - we create it together based on your specific situation and needs. At the end of the process you'll have a thoughtfully design home and the shared experience of designing it.

Architects, for the most part, all use a similar series of steps to arrive at a finished home. There are six general phases:

- Phase 1**      **Predesign - site analysis, programming, existing conditions, budgeting, code review.**
- Phase 2**      **Schematic Design - basic design concept generation**
- Phase 3**      **Design Development - refinement of the selected design concept from phase 2**
- Phase 4**      **Construction Documents - detailed drawings, schedules and specs**
- Phase 5**      **Contractor Selection - aid in contract award / negotiation with GC**
- Phase 6**      **Construction Observation - oversee construction + administration of the contract.**

The phases are sequential and they build on the work completed and agreed to in each preceding phase. We start with the general and refine the design to the very specific. There are a lot of decisions along the way and this gradation organizes those decisions into manageable portions.

Here's what to expect with each phase:

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Hello -

**Every client's needs are unique.** Contact us today for a personalized overview of the home design process. Details will be outlined to reflect the unique details of your project.

**Thank You!**

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