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“A Scrapbook is a Great Place to Begin the Design of Your Dream Home”

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Everyday we meet with clients who are overwhelmed with all the decisions they have to make when designing their dream home. They have been planning for years and when it is time, they don't know where to begin.

What they realize is that there are so many decisions to make when designing and building a new home that they become overwhelmed. They have walked through Home Depot Expo many times, have been browsing through all the home design magazines and have been watching HGTV. For someone who is not in the design or building industry, it can be very overwhelming! A typical house can have upwards of thirty different types of light fixtures and twenty different paint colors.

Our first directive to our clients is to put together a personal “Home Design Scrapbook©.” This is an essential ingredient to make sure you include everything you want in your home. You don't need to worry about how all the elements in your scrapbook go together, just focus on what you want in the house and elements that you feel comfortable with. It will be your designer's responsibility to pull all these elements together in your home design package. The best place to start is your local book store or magazine aisle in the grocery store. Go through magazines and books copying or tearing out photos of items, floor plans or details that you want in your house. Keep a camera with you all the time in your car or purse, so you can take photos of homes, rooms or design elements you see during your day.

Organize your scrapbook into rooms, starting with the exterior first. Think about all the elements that make up the exterior of a house including the driveway, walk ways, porches, garage, chimney, exterior walls, roofs, handrails, light fixtures, etc. Then move into the interior. Again, go room by room, dissecting the floors, walls, ceilings and try to find photos of what you like. Also, try to get physical samples of materials if you can, to further tell your story, including fabrics, stone, paints, wood shingles, etc.

Then when you are ready to build, your thoughts will be organized to communicate to your home designer exactly what you want. When we have our first meeting with our clients for the design of their home, if they do not have a scrapbook, we work with them to put one together. We sit with them in our library and gather lots of images and physical samples of things they like. We then turn the scrapbook into a written program of their house which is then turned into blueprints to start the construction.

We welcome readers' design questions.

Email them to us at cindy@trimblekellystudios.com.

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