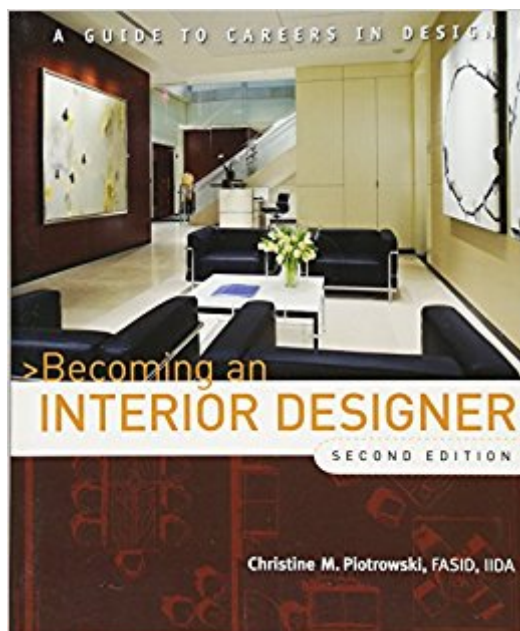


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# Becoming An Interior Designer: A Guide To Careers In Design



## Synopsis

If you're embarking upon a career in interior design, here's a highly visual overview of the profession, with in-depth material on educational requirements, design specialties, finding a job, and the many directions a career in interior design can take. Featuring informative interviews with working designers, this Second Edition includes updated educational requirements and a list of accredited interior design programs in the United States and Canada.

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"This guide surveys careers in the interior design field, from residential to commercial, including corporate, hospitality, and entertainment specialties. This edition has been revised and updated to incorporate information on sustainable and global design, and design for seniors, with added profiles and examples of projects." (Book News, May 2009)

The profession of interior design has received a lot of media attention in recent years, whether it's on the many "home makeover" shows or in the movies. The reality is, interior design in the twenty-first century is much more than selecting colors and arranging furniture. Today's interior designer is a multifaceted professional, with expertise in building and safety codes, project management, designing for seniors, sustainable design, and other important areas that require increased skill and training. If you have a vision for creating the interior spaces of residential or commercial buildings, *Becoming an Interior Designer* is the first step to a successful career. More

than a how-to book for finding a job, this helpful guide is a road map to the early stages of forming a lifelong career and finding your special niche in this burgeoning field. This Second Edition of *Becoming an Interior Designer* will prepare you for entering and succeeding in the interior design field. It covers all aspects of getting into the industry, including updated information on the following:

- Licensing and certification
- The newest educational requirements, with a helpful list of accredited interior design programs in the United States and Canada
- Professional tips on portfolio preparation
- Discussion of work environments; from home office to large firms
- Advice for finding clients and boosting revenue
- Helpful guidance on managing a successful career
- Photos of projects by professional interior designers from all major design specialties

The author interviewed nearly 100 professionals in the field who share their personal insights to help you discover what the interior design profession is really like. With everything you need to start your journey, *Becoming an Interior Designer, Second Edition* will be your launch pad for a long and successful career in interior design.

I recommend reading thru this small, but packed, volume if you have any inkling that you want to be an Interior Designer. The best part of this book is that the author interviews a series of prominent and respected Interior Design professionals and they are VERY frank about this career! It did not put me off at all, in fact it was more than I dreamed of, but they don't gloss over the more difficult aspects or challenges that one will face in this occupation. Lots of direct quotes and some of the Designers are downright funny! It spares no detail as to what exactly an Interior Designer does (and does not do) what training to get, whether to set up a sole business or work for a design firm, the differences between commercial and residential design, and future avenues available to us (hint: it involves environmentally conscious architecture and LEED-related things). I am now partway thru a bachelors in ID and decided to take the plunge after reading this. Worth every penny!

My professor teaches an intro course to architecture and interior design and this book was recommended so that we would understand what it takes to become an interior designer. I definitely wanted to get the ins and outs of the profession I chose and this book definitely explains it in the best way. It will either deter you from becoming an interior designer or push you to it. For me, it helped me to stick with my decision to be an interior designer. There is a lot that goes into the profession that people don't realize it takes. This book breaks it down and gives you a real world view. It really helps you understand what all it takes to become a designer. I bought this book right out and plan to refer to it often.

Bought for a birthday present for my bestie! She loved it!

The interior designer book I order for my granddaughter and she is enjoying reading it. I ordered the interior designer book for my granddaughter, she wants very much to become a designer I know she is enjoying reading it. As far as rating it I will have to ask her. Thank you

This book could have been great... but they are way too many citations. If you are a college student or a graduate fresh out of school, trying to explore an other aspect of your career, look for a more in-depth book. One that will teach you the ropes, and give you a more down-to-earth, detailed approach. In brief, this book doesn't quite deliver for me.

Great book full of a lot of knowledge for those studying to become designers. Highly recommended book. Great service and shipment from company.

Excellent

This book provides a wealth of information if you're considering a career in interior design. It gives you the breadth of possibilities of interior designing - residential and commercial. I also like that the author included quotes from practicing professionals on a range of topics.

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