



ARCHETYPE DESIGN INC. / VISHU MAGEE, DESIGNER DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is intended as much to clarify your goals as it is to give the designer the information needed to prepare a proposal and begin work. It's quite comprehensive – not every question will apply to you, and you might even get a few laughs out of it. But it's a good way to get started. The questionnaire is in three parts:

- I. General Data
- II. Design Details
- III. Greenbuilding and Sustainability

Please answer as best you can...ask questions if you'd like...make notes in the margins or flip sides... and add anything you'd like in the way of reprints, cut sheets, wish lists or narratives.

I. GENERAL DATA

Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Home tel. _____ Work tel. _____

Cell: _____ Cell: _____

Fax _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred time and place to call: _____

Size of residence (outside dimensions): _____ square feet.

Size of garage: _____ cars. Midsize: _____ Fullsize/SUV: _____

Extra space for storage or other use? y n Use: _____

Additional buildings: guesthouse y n size: _____ sq.ft

other: _____

Budget for all improvements (not including design fee): \$ _____

Projected construction start date: _____

Desired date for completion: _____

Will you be seeking construction financing? y n

Will your project be owner-built or contractor-built?

Any considerations such as phased construction or planned future additions? y n

Please describe: _____

Are there applicable architectural restrictions or covenants? y n

Names and ages of full-time residents: _____

Pets: List specifics _____

Pet door(s) or rooms required? Describe: _____

Any uses other than residence: (eg. rental, shared occupancy): _____

Will you be working from your house? Describe: _____

Owners' names and project name asd they will appear on the drawings: _____

Physical address for the project: _____

II. DESIGN DETAILS

1. Goals

Please rate the following (1 = lowest priority 5 = highest):

___ greenbuilding (energy/water conservation, green materials etc.)

___ beauty (just plain great design)

___ function/performance (efficient flow, good appliances, appropriate tech)

___ health (non-toxic, airy, light)

___ outdoor orientation (outdoor living areas in addition to views)

___ economy (hold down size, cost, and maintenance)

2. Exterior Features

___ Traditional pueblo/adobe (parapets/ flat roof, portals, etc.)

___ Traditional territorial style (pitched metal roof)

___ Contemporary pueblo/adobe

___ Contemporary territorial

___ Alpine (suitable for high elevations)

___ Solar (whether contemporary or traditional or unique)

___ one-of-a-kind (truly unique, never done before)

Exterior wall construction:

___ 10" adobe ___ 14" adobe ___ 24" adobe

___ 15" pumice crete ___ 18" pumice ___ 24" pumice

___ 10" rastra block ___ 12" rastra ___ 14" rastra

___ 18" straw bale ___ 24" straw bale

___ 2x6 frame ___ 2x8 ___ 2x10

___ Combinations as appropriate

___ Leave it to the designer

___ Other: _____

3. Interior Features

General notes on finishes:

- rockbottom budget finishes
- natural and non-toxic materials/ finishes
- rustic and earthy
- standard regional finishes
- more upscale finishes and craftsmanship
- introduce original or exotic details describe: _____
- clean & contemporary

4. Room-by-Room Checklist

Check all that you desire:

- formal entry
- mudroom
- greenhouse or atrium
- living room
- dining room
- kitchen
- great room open plan (kitchen, dining, living)
- utility (laundry etc)
- walk-in pantry or combine w/utility?
- powder room
- media/family room (TV, audio, etc. We used to call it a den.)
- study/office/library
- art studio Typical use _____
- meditation
- wine cellar basement
- recreation room (billiards, games tables etc.)
workout/gym
- master bedroom (detailes to follow)
- master bath
- master dressing room/closets
- BR2 _____bed size fireplace: yn walk-in closet yn
- BA2 tub/shower combo stall shower bathtub 2 lavs 1 lav
- BR3 _____bed size fireplace: yn walk-in closet yn
- BA3 tub/shower combo stall shower bathtub
- BA2 to serve both bedrooms 2 & 3
- Storage: capacity and type _____
- Other specific rooms _____
- Will BA2 or BA3 double as a powder room? yn

Please specify preferred ceiling heights (depending on wall construction a common scheme is 9'-10' throughout and 12'-14' in great room):

- feet throughout feet in Great Room

What rooms (if any) will be upstairs: _____

5. Specs for Principal Rooms

A. Kitchen

island __y__n chief function: _____ (e.g. cooktop, eating / bar, prep)

conventional slide-in range with oven __y__n #burners _____

cooktop: __y__n # _____ burners grill __y__n gas __or elec. __

__range hood or __downdraft? or __microhood combo

wall ovens: standard oven above and below __y__n

convection oven above, standard below __y__n

micro above, convection below __y__n

micro above, standard below __y__n

ovens __elect. __or gas?

microwave separate __y__n

refrigerator: side by side __y__n French door with freezer below __y__n

built-in (subzero style) __y__n

refrigerator cont'd: water/ice in door __y__n

refrigerator drawers in cabinet system __y__n

separate freezer __y__n location: _____

wine cooler __y__n # of bottles: _____

compactor: __y__n dishwasher: __y__n

sink: double tub __y__n

__stainless or __enamel or __composite?

__rim mount or __undermount?

disposer __y__n

instant hot water __y__n

soap dispenser __y__n

reverse osmosis __y__n

2nd prep sink: __y__n

__stainless or __porcelain or __composite?

__rim mount or __undermount?

disposer __y__n

instant hot water __y__n

soap dispenser __y__n

reverse osmosis __y__n

Countertops: __tile __granite __maple __copper __soapstone __Caesarstone __Fireslate

__Richlite __Paperstone __Icestone __Zodiac __Corian other: _____

Walk-in pantry __y__n

Eating/congregating in kitchen (choose one or two):

- stools at island
- stools at peninsula
- breakfast nook with table for 2-4
- country kitchen for 4 +
- no seating in kitchen

Minidesk area in kitchen yn

TV in kitchen yn

B. LR/DR/Kitchen

Do you prefer formal/traditional separation between these three rooms, or an open plan which provides functional and aesthetic divisions but creates a "great room" feel? Check:

- all three rooms separate
- LR and DR open to each other
- Kitchen and DR open to each other
- all three open to each other

Will you reserve the living room for entertaining and special occasions, while the media/family room is where you will spend most of your evenings? yn

How many people should the LR seat? ___

Can we avoid having a TV in the LR? yn

Distributed audio in the LR? yn

Do you need generous wall space for art work? yn

Do you want low voltage lighting for artwork? yn

Bookshelves in the LR? yn Fireplace yn gas wood

C. Master Suite

Size of Bed: _____ Fireplace in MBR? yn gas wood

TV yn

Other specific furniture or uses? _____

Lavatories 12 Medicine cabinet(s) yn

Separate tub and shower? yn Is tub needed? yn Jetted? yn

Walk-in shower (no door/curtain)? yn Two shower heads? yn

Steam unit in shower? yn Bench in shower? yn

Bidet? yn Separate toilet (water closet)? yn

Other amenities: _____

Closet preferences:

walk-in closet yn off bedroom off bath between

an open dressing room arrangement

safe yn where? _____

Prefer dressers or built-ins? Located in closet

dressing room MBR

6. Miscellaneous Features

Central vacuum system: y n

Radiant floor heat: y n

Preferred heat alternative: _____

Wood stove y n location: _____

Cooling system: AC y n or evaporative cooling? y n

Water conditioning or filtration y n

Security System y n

Smart home system y n

Central surge protection y n

Central charging station y n location: _____

Key rack and/or wallets, phones/etc y n location: _____

7. Telecom, Network, Audio-Video, Home Office

DSL available? y n Satellite internet required? y n

Cable TV available? y n Satellite TV dish required? y n

Prefer wireless network ethernet network wire for both

Please specify primary computer locations as follows:

desktop/workstation _____

laptop(s) _____

Will you rely primarily on cordless phones? conventional phones? both? cell phones?

Do you want to centralize the principal TV and principal sound system together? y n don't know

Best location would be den/media room/study living room

Locations of secondary TV's: _____

Do you use an iPod and wish to run it through the main sound system? y n

Which audio-video components do you think you will need?

satellite TV box with DVR

tuner amp for both TV and audio

surround sound

DVD-CD changer VCR cassette turntable

dedicated computer

I am knowledgeable about technology y n

I want to design a thorough, futureproof system y n

I prefer very basic tech y n

8. Health and Special Needs

Any special health needs or disabilities? _____

Radon abatement system (about \$1/sf) __y__n

Perform water test: __basic (\$75) __comprehensive (\$300)

Include whole house carbon filter __y__n (replaces oldschool salt softeners and costs around \$2,500)

Include HRV __y__n (a ventilation system for the environmentally sensitive, about \$2.50/sf)

Non-toxic materials: __exclusively __as much as is reasonable __don't care

Workout/yoga room required __y__n Smaller space is adequate for __workout __yoga

Specific equipment to be accomodated: _____

Sauna __y__n Steam in shower __y__n Hot tub __y__n outdoors? __y__n

9. Outdoor Living

Do you enjoy dining and relaxing outside? __y__n

Do you need to have a shady outdoor area such as a portal? __y__n

Do you barbecue frequently? __y__n

Are you a stargazer ? (telescope, etc) __y__n

Any specific gardening needs? _____

Which landscape approach do you prefer:

__native plants with low water use and maintenance

__non-natives requiring more water and maintenece

__non-natives and ornamentals in courtyard areas only

Drip irrigation __y__n

Does your property have acequia water rights? __y__n

Do you intend to use them? __y__n

10. Additional amenities:

__portals __swimming pool outdoors? __y__n

__courtyard(s) __lap pool outdoors? __y__n

__fountain(s) __hot tub outdoors? __y__n

__outdoor fireplace __sauna __steam bath

__ roof deck __vegetable garden

__orchard __volleyball court

__horse stables __basketball hoop

__traditional lawn __kid's play area

__dog run __chickens or other livestock

__darkroom __tennis court

Other: _____

11. Site Development

Potable water: municipal private well

Will there be a well share? y n

Irrigation: same as potable gray water roof catchment

Gas: natural, already at property line? y n propane

Electricity: public utility, already at property line? y n

Sewer: municipal system private septic

Telephone: how many numbers will you need? _____

TV: none cable satellite conventional antenna

Road/ driveway: improved access to property line? y n

Existing challenges (slope, arroyos, etc.)? _____

Parking: number of spaces not including garage. _____

Is your site flat: y n gently sloping? y n over 20% y n

Site in Town limits County other: _____

Are there restrictive covenants on your building site? y n

Are you in a subdivision with architectural guidelines? y n Subject to review? y n

12. Misc. details

Will the project serve as your fulltime residence? y n

If no, number of months you expect to be in residence: ____

Probable months of most frequent use: _____

Probable months of least use: _____

Will you use a house sitter when away? y n

Do you intend to care for older family members in the future: y n

Specific needs: _____

13. Additional Considerations

Please note any items from your collection or present home that you intend to fit into the new house:

Furniture and area rugs: Please take photographs, indicate where the piece will go, and provide overall dimensions.

Piano? Billiard table? Gun rack? Or other item that we should be designing around?

Major appliances you already own: model, size, location.

Art objects and paintings: photos with dimensions and probable locations.

What types of personal hobbies or activities might influence the design?

Any specifics about how you entertain your guests that might influence the design?

Please describe the qualities of your building site that we should know about, include likes and dislikes and any features that should be incorporated into the design.

In as many words, sketches or magazine tear outs as needed, describe your ideas for the project. Consider your daily routine, your favorite times to be outside, colors, textures, preferred quality of light, and anything else that might influence the design.

III. GREENBUILDING AND SUSTAINABILITY

Archetype Design is all about greenbuilding and we encourage our clients to use sustainable systems as much as possible. At the same time, we want to introduce these systems to you in a responsible way so that you'll be making a wise investment and get good results which complement your lifestyle.

The following systems may be new to you. They are constantly changing, and in the context of the current greenbuilding buzz, they're also subject to a lot of hype and misinformation. Some of these systems are in a pioneering stage while others are tried-and-tested. Some are quite cost-effective while others can be budget-killers. Some are user-friendly, but others may require significant lifestyle changes or constant maintenance. Check whichever are of interest to you, and we'll explore them in greater depth.

A. Passive solar heat: y n (simple, cost-effective, and highly recommended)

Goal for solar heating: 25% 50% 75% 100%

Preferred methods: windows clerestory windows trombe walls solar greenhouse

B. Passive solar hot water: y n (not as simple, but cost-effective and highly recommended)

C. Active solar heat & hot water: y n (the initial investment is \$20/sf but will pay for itself in several years. Tax credits help. A great solution for those who want solar heat but want to avoid the solar "look" as well as glare and UV impact on decor.)

D. Solar generated electricity: y n (the least cost-effective of all and best only if access to the grid is not available or too expensive) 100% off-grid Gridtie (combined with the grid)

E. Roof water collection or reuse: y n (simple, cost-effective, highly recommended)

F. Gray water recycling: y n (not cost-effective, best used when water is truly scarce)

G. Composting toilets: y n (problematic; use when water is truly scarce)

H. Recycling: y n (a no-brainer; mostly a storage and sorting issue)

I. Recycled, reclaimed or rapidly renewable building materials: y n (appealing, but can be difficult to implement and poses many constraints)

J. Native, natural, regionally available materials y n (cost-effective, highly recommended)

K. Non-toxic materials y n (cost-effective, highly recommended)

L. Superinsulation y n (exceed the code-required minimums; cost-effective, highly recommended)

M. Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb y n (cost-effective and energy-saving, but won't deliver the quality of light that halogens and floods produce; recommend a case-by-case application)

N. Onsite food production:

-year-round greenhouse gardens y n

-livestock y n

O. Natural Cooling: (combines landscape design, siting, cross-ventilation, and design details)
y n

P. Xeriscapic/native plants: (save water, learn about native plants; highly recommended)
y n