

The Smart Design Guide

the complete Guide to House & Garden
Design



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ANALYSIS OF YOUR HOME ENVIRONMENT

At the end of this section, you will be able to:

- Develop an awareness of your home environment,
- Recognize the significance of your home environment through its impacts on health, career, and relationships,
- Plan for change, so that your home environment better suits your needs and takes account of the natural environment.

Section 2 YOUR HOME ENVIRONMENT INDOORS

At the end of this section you will be able to:

- Establish your needs and desires. A detailed room-by-room Checklist,
- Provide comfort within a Design Statement, remembering we are all individuals,
- Make home offices work for you,
- Understand why form that follows function looks so good and performs so well.

Section 3 GETTING THE FLOW RIGHT. USING COLOR

At the end of this section you will be able to:

- Confidently choose and use your own color schemes,
- Recognize the importance of good indoor-outdoor flow,
- Know how to relate formal to informal and public to private spaces around your home,

Section 4 YOUR HOME ENVIRONMENT OUTDOORS

At the end of this section you will be able to:

- Understand the importance of design in the garden
- Plan a garden room by room - outdoor living, children, utility space
- Know how to use water features to best effect
- Value outdoor lighting

Section 5 FENG SHUI

At the end of this section you will be able to:

Have a basic understanding of what feng shui is and can do for you,

6 CONCLUSION

Whatever space we have, it will be improved by the addition of colour and plants. With knowledge comes the confidence to know what goes where. Once you know the basic rules, feel free to have fun and experiment!



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