



INFORMATION STARTER KIT

Thank you for requesting a starter kit.

Any type of house renovation or new home project may seem overwhelming initially. We trust that the information enclosed in this starter kit will help you understand the breakdown of the processes involved and provide you with the knowledge and confidence in tackling your project towards a successful building outcome.

This starter kit includes the following:

- About BAASTUDIO
- Budget Considerations.
- Five Steps to a successful renovation.
- Understanding the site is the key to great design.
- Master planning your house.
- Consultation Flow Chart.
- Drawing Stages outlined.
- Building New vs Renovating.



ELEMENTS FOR PRODUCING A GREAT DESIGN

There are four critical elements for ensuring a quality design for your home. At BAASTUDIO we are committed to providing you with a professional service that involves you throughout the process, so your renovation or new home project runs as smoothly as possible and is custom designed for you.

1. BRIEF

A project brief is an outline of your design requirements, expectations and project objectives.

Without a clear and detailed brief, misunderstandings may arise between the designer and the agreed scope of work. It is common for clients to receive architecture drawings where the designs proposed cannot be built within their budget.

The project brief/questionnaire we send you is developed to capture your lifestyle needs, tastes, budget, and planning information so we can ensure the advice and designs we present will meet your needs as well as being feasible.

2. DRAWINGS

Architecture drawings and documentation are precise, detailed and tie in with all the consultant documents.

Without detailed drawings, builders and contractors have difficulty interpreting the detail of the project; the quality of the job suffers, and is likely to result in variations, extended timeframes and increased costs. If builders must improvise based on sub-standard drawings, the end result will differ from the original concept and objectives.

If wanting a custom designed home, it is worth investing in quality designs and drawings produced by an Architect.



3. CHOOSING THE BEST DESIGNER/ COMPANY

It is also important to choose the right design professional/company to ensure a successful design. Some questions to ask yourself during consultations to help you determine if the company/design professional is right for you includes:

- Does the design/drafting professional offer creative solutions to provide you with a custom and unique design that suits your lifestyle needs and tastes?
- Are they spending time getting to know you and your requirements?
- What are their fees for the entire job? Has this been clearly communicated to you?
- Who in the company is designing your home or renovation – director, principal designer, draftsman or technician? Does the fee reflect the level of expertise?
- What services does the company provide during construction? This is where a project manager will negotiate with builders and contractors on behalf of the client for the best outcome.
- Can the designer/draftsman or builder provide you with onsite concepts and custom design solutions for your property?
- Are you provided with schedule progress meetings and informed during the various stages of drawing, planning and construction process? What involvement do you have throughout the project?
- Does the company provide all the designs and documentation, or do they outsource their services?

4. BUILDER

Your design/project will only be as good as the builder you engage. Do your research on potential builders by considering the following:

- Does the builder have residential experience?
- Is the builder hands on or managing construction off-site?
- Is the builder registered?
- Are you able to view completed projects to view the quality of their work or see a gallery or portfolio of work?
- Have they been recommended, are you able to contact a previous client?

At BAASTUDIO we have a team of builders in South East Queensland we can recommend to see your project through to completion. As part of our services, we also offer to tender your project to compare and negotiate with builders securing you a competitive price.

NEXT STEP

You will receive a design brief/questionnaire to complete and return. One of our architects will contact you after receiving this to discuss your project further and arrange an onsite or remote design consultation depending on your location.

If you have further questions or require more information prior to completing the design brief, please contact us on 07 3137 0222 or 0409 5777 05.

