Synopsis

A practical approach to planning residential spaces Residential Interior Design: A Guide To Planning Spaces is the industry-standard reference for all aspects of residential space planning, with a practical focus on accessible design, ergonomics, and how building systems affect each space. This new third edition has been updated with the most recent code information, including the 2015 International Residential Code and the International Green Construction Code, and new content on remodeling. Packed with hundreds of drawings and photographs, this book illustrates a step-by-step approach to design that applies to any residential space, and ensures that the most important factors are weighted heavily in the decision making process. Daily use is a major consideration, and the authors explore the minimum amount of space each room requires to function appropriately while examining the host of additional factors that impact bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, hallways, and more. Detailed information about accessibility is included in each chapter, making this book a reliable design reference for "aging in place" and universal design. The new companion website features teaching tools and a variety of learning supplements that help reinforce the material covered. Interior design is a fundamental component of a residential space, and a required skill for architecture and design professionals. This book is a complete reference on all aspects of residential design, and the factors that make a space "work." Design spaces with primary consideration of daily use Account for building systems, accessibility, human factors, and more Get up to date on the latest residential interior building codes Plan interiors for any home, any style, and any budget Designing a residential interior is about more than choosing paint colors and furniture—"it's about people, and how they interact and use the space. It's about shaping the space to conform to its function in the best possible way. Residential Interior Design provides clear, comprehensive guidance on getting it right every time.

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Customer Reviews

Since I am the first reviewer of this valuable book, I feel an obligation to give it its due and tell you what you can look forward to. I'm so glad I found it before I started a major remodel, including moving my kitchen - which will result in re-arranging the main living areas! This book opened my eyes to the many important concepts and details of basic layout design that can easily be overlooked or poorly planned in building a home or remodeling one. Mistakes here can be costly or impossible to fix so I wanted to make sure I don't make any major blunders before my final layout design is complete.

Ch 1: The INTRO
Briefly discusses how homes have changed over the years and points out that bigger is not always better. Quality over quantity is stressed instead of just making huge rooms in McMansions. In addition to each chapter’s main topic, Ch. 1 introduces the 5 common subjects that are discussed for each area of the home at the end of each subsequent chapter: Ergonomics & Required Clearances Organizational Flow Related Codes & Constraints Electrical & Mechanical Lighting & References

Ch 2: ENTRANCES & CIRCULATION SPACES
Covers Foyers, entry areas and vertical movement such as stairs and where they should be placed for maximum benefit and minimum horizontal footprint.

Ch 3: LEISURE SPACES
Living rooms & great rooms, media rooms, dining rooms & home gyms are discussed. Traffic flows and furniture arrangements are presented with multiple options and diagrams.

Ch 4: KITCHENS
I consider the kitchen the most important room in the house so I found this to be the most important chapter, by far!

We’re in the process of designing a new home. Design mistakes can be expensive to fix once the walls are up, so I thought a refresher on Interior Design would be worth my time. This book has become an essential reference throughout this process. Understand that interior design is not interior decorating. Interior design takes into account the actual layout of an interior space and how each space is connected to the other spaces. Considerations such as public and private spaces (and the transition between them), how the spaces are used based on the building’s orientation to the sun, kitchens (and the work triangle), bathrooms, leisure area layouts including psychological aspects of each space. The book is comprised of the following chapters:

1. Introduction; quality vs quantity,
explanation of the graphical symbols used by designers and architects. 2. Entrances and Circulation Spaces; how people come into a house and how the move around in it. 3. Leisure Spaces; Ergonomics, flow, lighting. 4. Kitchens; Fixtures and appliances, storage, required clearances, organizational flow. 5. Bedrooms; Ergonomics and clearances, flow. 6. Bathrooms; Fixtures, storage and cabinetry, flow. 7. Utility and Work Spaces; types (garages, laundry, mudrooms, home offices, home gyms), appliances. 8. Sample Project and Related Drawings. 9. Basic Residential Building Construction and Structure; platform types, wood frame construction, plumbing, doors and windows, roof types, fireplaces and stoves. If you have to design or are considering a design for aging into, each chapter has breakout sections on accessibility considerations. For example, a range top can have open space underneath for a wheelchair where a full range cannot.

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