

# Interior Designer or Interior Decorator Which Job For You? by Dolores Pepper

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Debbie Travis of Debbie Travis' Facelift and Painted House are just one of the Design Experts that share their advice in FabJob's [Guide to Become An Interior Decorator](#)

## Interior Designer or Interior Decorator Which Job For You?

### Interior Design

Do you have a way with color and fabric that your friends can't see? Are you able to paint a picture in your mind's eye and relay that thought to others? Do you receive compliments on your appearance and how you always look "put together?" Are you always rearranging the rooms in your home to get the look just right?

If you answered yes to those questions it doesn't mean you were born to design but it does show that you may have some of the natural qualities a good designer needs to be successful. The best Interior Designers not only plan out spaces they bring out the personality of the client throughout the whole home.

Interior design is an open door; you can specialize in more than one field, one room, or a specific field. Kitchen designers know all there is to know about kitchens. There are also Paint Specialists, Window Specialists, Set Designers, Healthcare and Restaurant Design Specialists and the list goes on. While watching TV one evening I noticed the program featured a Children's Playhouse Designer, so I know there's a niche for you too.

### What might you do

Designing can be as extensive as moving into an unfurnished house, ordering the furniture, the drapes, the paint, the silverware, the china, and pulling together everything in the entire room down to the wastepaper basket.

Where there is a house remodel involved you will need to coordinate workers together for safety's sake. For example the Plumber, the Drywall installers, and the Electrician cannot be trampling over one another.

For your next assignment you might aid the owner in choosing paint color, buying some new throw rugs, and rearranging the furniture.

As well as designing the home you must keep accurate records; after all you are spending your clients' hard earned money.

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### Job Market and Income Potential

Despite all the free design tips on the Internet and Designing shows on television the job market is good. With all the possibilities and overwhelming choices clients need your guidance more than ever.

Salaries can range between:

20,000 to 30,000 for Junior Designers

30,000 to 40,000 for Mid-level Designers (with about three years experience).

50,000 to 55,000 for Managers

100,000 or more a year for Top Designers

### Where to find Jobs

Design Firms - Firms want a degree and AutoCAD software experience is considered a necessity. Some firms offer internships while in school, if you are offered an internship then there's a good chance you will be hired when your term is over. One of the biggest benefits of working with an established firm is gaining the knowledge and experience the other designers have amassed over the years.

Business - If you are independent, organized, licensed and degreed and want the freedom to decide when and where you work, running your own design business can be a rewarding choice. Often starting your own business means giving away free samples. Can you afford to decorate houses or rooms free and still make your monthly obligations?

In-House - If neither choice appeals to you keep in mind certain industries hire in-house designers. Industries like:

Real Estate Branches

Casinos

Restaurants

Museums

Yachts

Retail Stores

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### Do you need a Certificate or Design Degree?

The answer is yes. For Commercial Design a Bachelors Degree is the minimum requirement.

According to Tag Goulet fabjob.com's writer "[Become an Interior Decorator](#)" In both the U.S. and Canada, *Interior Designers* are certified through the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) after passing an examination.

To be eligible to write the examination, you must have an acceptable combination of full-time work experience and two to five years of post-secondary education in interior design.

Did you catch the title of her book? "Guide to Become an Interior Decorator" In real life the term Interior Decorator is interchangeable with Interior Designer, but there is a difference huge between the two words.

*Interior Decorators* do not need years of formal schooling or certification to run a business; in fact you could start immediately. So perhaps becoming an Interior Decorator is more to your liking and budget.

### Which will it be Interior Designer or Interior Decorator?

If you're a technical person and the idea of learning building codes, blueprints and spending a few years at college excites you. Then a career in Interior Design may be your dream job.

If you love helping friends and family do room makeovers, choosing fabrics that compliment with the existing décor, and better still you want to start now. Then a career as an Interior Decorator may be exactly what you're looking for.

And nowhere is there a law that says you can't start off as one and end up as the other!

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Which Job For You?

Well, there it is in a nutshell. Thank you for reading "Interior Designer or Interior Decorator Which Job For You?" I hope it leads you get the information you need to make the right choice for your life.

Sincerely,  
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PS - Be sure to check out the resources provided on the next page.

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Information on Interior Decorating and Interior Designing Careers

Interior Decorator

<http://www.fabjob.com> "Guide to Become an Interior Decorator"

Interior Designer

Online Schools of Interior Design

<http://www.inst.org>

<http://www.sheffield.edu>

<http://www.met-design.com>

Offline Schools of Interior Design

<http://www.houseofedu.com>

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<http://www.gradschools.com>

Websites of Interest

<http://www.isdesignet.com>

<http://www.asid.org>

<http://www.christopherlowell.com>

<http://www.decoratorsecrets.com>

<http://www.101homeresources.com>

<http://www.decoratingstudio.com>

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