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The EVOLVING HOME



FUTURE-PROOFING YOUR HOUSE
FOR COMFORT AND VALUE.



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Crafting a home with evolution in mind is an investment strategy that pays dividends down the road.

What do we mean? It's about being mindful of how your life could change in the next five to 15 years and ensuring your home seamlessly grows with you. An adaptable house isn't merely for your current comfort – though that's a considerable perk. It's a strategic move that significantly boosts your property's resale value when the time comes to sell. Think of it as a dynamic space that accommodates your lifestyle and becomes a valuable commodity in the real estate market when you decide to move. Striking the perfect balance between current functionality and future-proofing is the key to a timeless and valuable home. Here are some design tips to keep in mind.

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL MARVELS

Transforming your space into a multi-functional haven is the key to meeting diverse needs with flair. Whether entertaining occasional house guests or engaging in year-round activities such as work, exercise or relaxation, strategic design ensures your space is a versatile powerhouse ready for anything. Think of it as more than just adapting; it's crafting an environment that effortlessly caters to your dynamic lifestyle. Every corner becomes a purposeful asset, a testament to a lifestyle where functionality and style coexist. It's not just a space, it's a dynamic hub that grows and evolves with you, ensuring it's always finely tuned for the various chapters of your vibrant life.

PRO TIP: Modern Murphy beds seamlessly blend comfort and style, integrating effortlessly into your décor. They are one of our favourite multi-functional pieces to work with.

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FORWARD-THINKING DESIGN

It's essential to integrate forward-thinking elements when planning for the future, particularly for those considering retirement and aging in place. And safety should take centre stage. Imagine sleek grab bars strategically placed for support in the bathroom, chic lever handles replacing traditional doorknobs, and non-slip flooring ensuring stability. Elevating both safety and style, envision barrier-free walk-in showers that enhance safety and contribute to the overall visual appeal of the space. This comprehensive approach not only addresses practical needs but also transforms the living environment into a seamless blend of functionality and timeless design, catering to the evolving requirements of its occupants.

PRO TIP: Consider integrated options such as safety features at the beginning of the construction process. For example, installing a grab bar horizontally instead of on a diagonal is only feasible if the wall is reinforced before it's closed. Because studs are placed 16 inches apart, for an 18- or 24-inch grab bar to be secured to a stud, it usually has to be installed on an angle.



A KITCHEN THAT GROWS

In the kitchen, anticipate future needs with a forward-thinking approach to design. Consider accessible storage solutions, incorporating pull-out shelves and adjustable-height countertops for ease of use. Seamlessly blending safety with style, opt for easy-to-grab cabinet pulls and choose lever-handled faucets for ergonomic convenience. When it comes to flooring, prioritize non-slip materials to ensure a secure environment.

PRO TIP: Enhance the functionality of your kitchen by integrating well-lit task lighting in key work areas. Strategically placed under-cabinet lighting or pendant lights can illuminate the space and add a touch of ambience to the kitchen.



THE EXPERT TOUCH

Collaborating with design professionals from the planning stages ensures your evolving needs are seamlessly woven into the design. An evolving home is a fusion of foresight, creative flair and technical expertise, all orchestrated by a professional designer. Living in style isn't just a statement, it's a design philosophy that stands the test of time. **OH**

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