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Custom Home Know-How:

Why Shop Drawings are Critical

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How does working with taste bring efficiencies to the shop drawing process?

A taste designed space is not only creative, but always well thought out. Because they take the time to develop their ideas upfront, we can concentrate on what we do best - bringing those ideas to life. The design process can be very iterative. Although we are happy to participate in that process, if we can begin the shop drawings with the general design details already ironed out, the entire process flows much more smoothly on our end.

Who develops shop drawings and how are they trained/educated?

Shop drawings are done by our project managers. All are proficient in the AutoCad based software packages that we use - with most of that expertise having been developed on the job. Aside from varying levels of formal education and much on-the-job training, all bring extensive industry related experience & expertise, whether it be as cabinet makers, engineers or architects. The project engineers are tasked with taking field measurements, developing shop drawings, ordering materials, coordinating the efforts of others, and overall project management. They act as the single point of contact for their projects and work closely with designers, contractors, clients and other subs to see any given project through to the end.

How do carpenters in the shops use the shop drawings during their work?

Our drawings are used through every stage the build process. Not only do the drawings include all the dimensional and instructional information necessary for the shop floor build, they contain information crucial to finish, logistics and installation. In addition, the models we create to develop our shop drawings are the same models we use to generate all the machining programming for our CNC routers, which are the backbone of our manufacturing process. This direct link between what is shown on the drawings and what is cut out on the CNC helps ensure we build what we show on the drawings.

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