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Interior Design in Practice Terri Maurer 2010-02-08 Through real-world case studies, master the business of interior design practice Whether you hope to own your own company, grow your company, or rise high in the managerial ranks of a larger practice, you must have a tight grasp of business basics in order to succeed as an interior designer. Interior Design in Practice provides the vital business education an interior designer needs. It describes in detail how to plan and launch an interior design business, and how to grow that business towards success. Through real-world case studies, you'll learn the essentials of building a design practice, including: Deciding how and when to use business planning, strategic planning, and financial planning to your benefit Techniques to build teams and motivate team members Ways to avoid costly mistakes Advice on branding and marketing your firm and yourself Methods to integrate new technology into your day-to-day practice, marketing, and networking Coauthored by a former ASID national president and an experienced design writer and editor, Interior Design in Practice assists interior designers with practical, from-the-field advice, along with enlightening case studies throughout the book. Both budding entrepreneurs and seasoned design practitioners will find this comprehensive, real-world guide a welcome stepping-stone to success.

Middle-Class Lifeboat Paul Edwards 2008-01-01 A comprehensive guide to safeguard your livelihood, income, and standard of living through the

ups and downs of any economy. Most Americans, no matter what their economic circumstances, identify themselves as middle class. A recent Gallup poll showed that 63% consider themselves upper-middle or middle class. And they are feeling burned out and squeezed, under pressure to bring home more and more money just to maintain their standard of living. Middle Class Lifeboat is an answer to that pressure, a comprehensive guide to living a more stress-free lifestyle. Part I: Safeguarding Your Livelihood: profiles the 53 best jobs to have to be self-sufficient whether the economy is up or down. Part II: Safeguarding Your Income: 6 ways to extend your earnings, that don't always involve money. Part III : Safeguarding Your Standard of Living: 10 off-the-grid lifestyle choices to increase your quality of life

Interior Design Jenny Grove 2019-10-18 This is a benchmark book which encourages interior designers to raise their professional status and offers their clients an insight into the complex profession of modern interior design. It demystifies what an interior designer does, and showcases the range of skills that interior designers can bring to a project to help achieve a successful outcome. The book attempts to explain the broad scope of the interior design profession, including: • the wide range of projects and specialisms • the people, roles and relationships • the skills and knowledge that designers need • the benefits of using a designer • the importance of a good client-designer relationship. Case Studies illustrate key points, pinpointing important project types and showcasing

designers working in specialist fields and include comments from clients and end-users.

Interior Design Clients Thomas L. Williams 2010-06-29 Clients are the lifeblood of any interior design firm and a sound understanding of how to manage those clients is essential. Interior Design Clients is an informative yet fun read for entrepreneurial designers interested in gaining a better understanding of how to build and manage their clientele. Tom Williams, designer, author, and blogger, deconstructs the pitfalls and challenges that can waylay even seasoned designers. As many professional designers learn, clients can be intimidated by interior designers and sometimes can even be fearful of the process. This unreasonable intimidation can often hinder the designer-client relationship and can even stop clients from asking for what they want. This leads to clients being unsatisfied and then walking away with a negative impression of their designer. Learning why clients fear their interior designer and developing strategies to allay those fears is essential for gaining and keeping a satisfied clientele. Everything from good client, project, and time management to interview techniques and staff and paperwork organization can all lead to making client interaction as rewarding as possible and are important aspects of the business rarely addressed by the interior design community as a whole. Interior Design Clients covers the subjects rarely taught in design schools such as specific presentation and interview skills and how to sell to market. Through frank discussion and practical examples, Williams weaves the art of selling into his lessons on interviewing, presenting, and pleasing the client as a natural part of the design process. Becoming a residential or commercial interior designer is not an easy undertaking, but Thomas Williams' Interior Design Clients: The Designer's Guide to Building and Keeping a Great Clientele provides the fundamental lessons and innovative solutions to help designers succeed in the ultra-competitive world of modern interior design. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography,

interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

RSMeans Interior Cost Data 2013 Rsmeans Eng Dept 2012 2013 Interior Cost Data Includes more than 14,000 unit costs, including productivity data, for new facilities, upgrades, renovation projects, even downsizing - projects of any size, scope or location in the country. All aspects of finish work have been drawn together into one easy-to-use source. It's all here... equipment, hardware, custom work, furnishings, labor costs and more.

The Woodworker's Guide to Pricing Your Work Dan Ramsey 2001-03-15 Readers will find out how to set prices and sell their products with this revised, comprehensive pricing guide from author and woodworker Dan Ramsey. They'll learn how to calculate the value of their time, materials and craftsmanship, ensuring that the price they get for their work is fair and profitable. They'll also find a wide variety of sample business forms and planning sheets, along with information on:* estimating average materials cost per project* determining the dollar value of their woodworking skills* increasing their income without sacrificing quality or enjoyment* selling customers on the value of their work--not the price* building repeat and referral business* developing the right business image and marketing plan* managing a budget* marketing their work at craft fairs and through retailers Dan Ramsey is the author of over forty home improvement and how-to titles. He lives in Reedsport, Oregon.

The Interior Designer's Guide to Pricing, Estimating, and Budgeting Theo Stephan Williams 2010 Offers practical advice on fees and pricing for the design of commercial and residential interiors.

The Graphic Designer's Guide to Pricing, Estimating, and Budgeting Theo Stephen Williams 2010-06-29 This helpful guide provides startup

and experienced design business owners with dozens of useful, creative methods for achieving profitability. Updated throughout with additional material on time management, expanded coverage of Web and multimedia pricing, and numerous new interviews with leading designers, this third edition is an invaluable industry guide focusing on these crucial aspects of running a graphic design business. Coverage includes how to set rates, deal with competitors' pricing, use different pricing methods, prepare estimates, draft proposals, establish and manage budgets, negotiate, and position the brand of the firm. Graphic designers will find the clearly written, practical advice indispensable to professional success.

Human Dimension & Interior Space Julius Panero 1979 Standards for the design of interior spaces should be based on the measurement of human beings and their perception of space, with special consideration for disabled, elderly, and children

Interior Home Improvement Costs 1996 Updated estimates for popular projects. With new sections on home offices, in-law apartments and remodeling for disabled residents. Includes: -- Attic & Basement Conversions -- Kitchen and Bath Remodeling -- Fireplaces -- Storage -- Stairs, New Floors -- Walls & Ceilings

The Interior Design Sourcebook Thomas L. Williams 2012-01-01 A complete compendium of materials for home design—from the familiar to the cutting edge.

Specifying Interiors Maryrose McGowan 2006 Publisher Description
Occupational Outlook Handbook United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics 1976

Green Interior Design Lori Dennis 2021-03-09 "An essential introduction to sustainable domestic design." —Dwell magazine How to Achieve Style and Sustainability Green Interior Design is the most comprehensive guide to sustainable building, designing, and decorating on the market. This beautifully illustrated guide covers every detail of your home—from the drywall to the finial on the curtain rod—and how to find the most environmentally friendly versions of products and décor. This second edition of Green Interior Design is meant as much for the

budget DIYer as it is for the luxury homebuilders looking to dip their toes into sustainability. Sprinkled among the chapters, readers will find: Digestible how-tos for quick updates Fun DIY projects Quick tips on repurposing and upcycling Helpful resources and buying guides Inspiring home tours Unconventional advice from designers (e.g., "Don't buy anything!") We hope readers carry this reference guide with them as they decorate apartments, furnish their first properties, and build their dream homes from the ground up. The second edition's interactive structure allows you, the reader, to choose your own adventure: go into the weeds and get granular with purchasing decisions for your home, or take a more generalized approach to your green design project. Whichever path you choose, know that it's more important than ever before to act sustainably. "Going green" is more than just a trend: It's a global economic and social necessity.

RSMeans Cost Data, + Website Means Engineering 2012-04-10

This brand-new book provides a thorough introduction to cost estimating in a self-contained print and online package. With clear explanations and a hands-on, example-driven approach, it is the ideal reference for students and new professionals who need to learn how to perform cost estimating for building construction. With more than 930 Location Factors in the United States and Canada, the data includes up-to-date system prices for more than 100 standard assemblies and in-place costs for thousands of alternates making it easy to customize budget estimates and compare system costs. The book includes a free access code to the supplemental website with plans, specifications, problem sets, and a full sample estimate.

Interior Design Materials and Specifications Lisa Godsey 2021-03-25
Professional Practice for Interior Designers Christine M. Piotrowski 2020-03-05 The leading guide to the business practice of the interior design profession, updated to reflect the latest trends For nearly thirty years, Professional Practice for Interior Designers has been a must-have resource for aspiring designers and practicing professionals. This revised and updated Sixth Edition continues to offer authoritative guidance related to the business of the interior design profession—from the basics

to the latest topics and tools essential for planning, building, and maintaining a successful commercial or residential interior design business. Filled with business tips and best practices, illustrative scenarios, and other pedagogical tools, this revised edition contains new chapters on interior design in the global environment, building client relationships, and online marketing communications. The author also includes updated information on web and social media marketing, branding, and prospecting for global projects. Recommended by the NCIDQ for exam preparation, this Sixth Edition is an invaluable resource for early career designers or those studying to enter the profession. This important book: Contains three new chapters that focus on client relationships, marketing communications, and interior design in the global marketplace. Includes new or updated sections that reflect the recent trends related to social media, branding, sustainable design practice and more Offers invaluable pedagogical tools in every chapter, including chapter objectives and material relevant for the NCIDQ Instructors have access to an Instructor's Manual through the book's companion website

How to Start a Home-Based Interior Design Business 2015-05-15

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own home-based interior design business? Have you been hesitant to put your business plans into action? This book contains all the necessary tools and success strategies you need to launch and grow your business. An experienced designer shares her experiences and advice on every aspect of setting up and running a thriving home-based interior design business. Learn how to develop a business plan, estimate your start-up costs, price your services, and stay profitable once you're in business. Read all about getting clients and referrals, outshining the competition, bidding competitively, establishing your daily schedule, organizing your business, getting paid and much more. The book is packed with worksheets, including products and services charts, a sample balance worksheet, a profit-and-loss worksheet, a cash-flow projections worksheet, a weekly accounting ledger, a vendor sale sheet, and a bid sheet.

Guide to Your Career Alan B. Bernstein 2004-04 Provides profiles of 204

career opportunities in the twenty-first century, and includes salary ranges and a personal-preference questionnaire to aid in selection. Business and Legal Forms for Interior Designers, Second Edition Tad Crawford 2013-07-01 This essential trade reference offers more than fifty crucial forms and tells you everything you need to know to use them effectively, all for \$5 less than the first edition. Made available in hard copy and on CD-ROM, each form can be customized and is accompanied by detailed instructions, advice on standard contractual provisions, and a negotiation checklist to help you achieve the best results. Included is an in-depth section on contractual issues relevant to the industry. Among the essential forms included are: Project plan and budget Proposal form Comprehensive production schedule Transmittal form Traffic log Collection letters Receipts log Marketing checklist Billing forms Work change order Designer-client agreement for commercial and residential projects Contract summary sheet Contract with fabricator Nondisclosure agreement for submitting ideas Employment agreement Trademark application And many more New to this edition are forms for leases, subleases, arbitration, general and mutual releases, employee warning and dismissal letters, and promissory notes. Don't miss out. Use *Business and Legal Forms for Interior Designers* to spare yourself expensive lawyers' fees and get fair compensation for your work.

The Office Interior Design Guide Julie K. Rayfield 1997-04-01 Because the edge you need begins with the space you occupy . . .TheOffice Interior Design Guide enables facilities professionals with little or no design experience to become knowledgeable, active partners with consultants and designers in developing efficient, flexible office spaces that work. It is also intended to serve as a general overview of the office environment for the design or engineering professional. This practical book covers the entire planning and management process for both conventional and alternative officing, with important information on The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, indoor air quality, fire safety, and more. From building support systems to key elements of interior design, this comprehensive guide shows you how to: * Create a strategic facilities plan * Put together an effective in-house team * Define project needs and

objectives * Build solid relationships with management, technical, and creative consultants * Choose the right design firm * Select appropriate facilities * Develop an on-target schedule and budget * Achieve adaptable, cost-effective design solutions. Complete with sample letters for requesting proposals and qualifications, plus a detailed programming questionnaire to help you specify project requirements, The Office Interior Design Guide enables you to create hardworking environments equipped to handle today's business challenges and tomorrow's organizational needs.

Interior Design 2005-06

The Interior Designer's Guide to Pricing, Estimating, and

Budgeting Theo Stephen Williams 2010-07-27 This second edition is updated throughout and includes additional material on time management and numerous interviews with leading designers. Empowered by the step-by-step guidance in this book, interior designers will be able to establish prices and budgets that make their clients happy and their businesses profitable. Written by a designer and veteran expert on pricing, estimating, and budgeting systems, the book provides practical guidelines on how to value the cost of designing commercial or residential interiors, from the designer's creative input to the pricing of decorating products and procedures. The book shows how to determine a profitable and fair hourly rate, balance the client's budget with his or her wishes and needs, negotiate prices with suppliers and contractors, write realistic estimates and clear proposals, manage budgets for projects of all sizes and types, and position the firm's brand in relation to its practices. Interviews with experienced interior designers, case studies, and sidebars highlight professional pitfalls and how to master them, from daily crisis management and self-organization to finding the perfect office manager.

A Guide to Business Principles and Practices for Interior

Designers Harry Siegel 1982 Tells how to start an interior design business, acquire clients, determine fees, make estimates, collect bills, select insurance, and establish good relations with trade sources

The Homeowner's Guide to Managing a Renovation Susan Solakian

2008 Describes every stage of a house remodeling project, discussing such topics as finding and hiring an architect, spec writer, and contractor; obtaining insurance; keeping track of costs; evaluating progress; and releasing payments.

Estimating for Interior Designers Carol A. Sampson 1991 Offers guidelines and formulas for estimating materials and costs for paint, wallcoverings, carpeting, drapery, and other products and services
Estimating for Interior Designers Carol A. Sampson 2001 The first edition of Estimating for Interior Designers quickly became the "bible" for interior designers everywhere. This completely updated and revised edition provides all the basic, nuts-and-bolts information readers expect, along with all-new sections on faux finishing, including trompe l'oeil; Roman shades; and using upholstery fabrics for drapery and bed coverings. There is also a completely new chapter on hard floor coverings, including marble, stone, wood, painted canvas, and vinyl. Of course, all materials and labor cost figures have been updated.

The Interior Design Reference & Specification Book Linda O'Shea 2013-07-01 DIV In the world of interior design, thousands of bits of crucial information are scattered across a wide array of sources. The Interior Design Reference & Specification Book collects the information essential to planning and executing interior projects of all shapes and sizes, and distills it in a format that is as easy to use as it is to carry. You'll also find interviews with top practitioners drawn across the field of interior design. —Fundamentals provides a step-by-step overview of an interiors project, describing the scope of professional services, the project schedule, and the design and presentation tools used by designers. —Space examines ways of composing rooms as spatial environments while speaking to functional and life-safety concerns. —Surface identifies options in color, material, texture, and pattern, while addressing maintenance and performance issues. —Environments looks at aspects of interior design that help create a specific mood or character, such as natural and artificial lighting, sound and smell. —Elements describes the selection and specification of furniture and fixtures, as well as other components essential to an interior

environment, such as artwork and accessories. —Resources gathers a wealth of useful data, from sustainability guidelines to online sources for interiors-related research. /div

CompTIA Project+ Study Guide Kim Heldman 2017-01-26 The bestselling Project+ preparation guide, updated for the latest exam The CompTIA Project+ Study Guide, Second Edition is your comprehensive resource for taking Exam PK0-004. With 100% coverage of all exam objectives, bolstered by real-world scenarios and the Sybex interactive learning environment, this book gives you everything you need to approach the exam with confidence. Detailed explanations and superior study tools cover and reinforce setup, initiation, planning, execution, delivery, change, control, communication, and closure, and the author Kim Heldman's twenty-five years of project management experience provide deep insight into real-world applications. Study tools include access to two bonus practice exams, allowing you to focus on areas you need further review, and electronic flashcards provide last minute review on key concepts. The Project+ exam is a first step into the complex world of project management, and serves as a springboard to the Project Management Institute's (PMI) PMP certification. This study guide helps you build the knowledge you need to be confident on exam day. Review 100 percent of the Project+ exam objectives Understand the real-world applications of each concept Gain expert insight drawn from real-world experience Access online practice exams, electronic flashcards, and more Every industry needs people who know how to deliver successful project outcomes. The Project+ exam parallels the PMI's A Guide to Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide), so this smart study guide gives you a solid foundation for additional project management training and certification. The CompTIA Project+ Study Guide, Second Edition combines industry-leading expertise with Sybex resources to help you successfully begin your project management journey.

Estimating and Costing for Interior Designers Diana Allison 2021-03-25

Residential Kitchen and Bath Design Anastasia Wilkening 2013-02-21 Residential Kitchen and Bath Design provides students with a core

knowledge of this interior design sub-specialty and equips them with skills they can use to create residential kitchens and baths that are both functional and beautiful. The text begins with an overview of the kitchen and bath industries, covering the designer's role at each step of the design process. It then goes on to explain functional and ergonomic considerations in the arrangement of appliances, fixtures, and storage, and provides detailed instruction on communicating designs to clients and tradespeople using floor plans, models, and other renderings. Issues related to codes, regulations, and costs are reviewed, as are the NKBA planning guidelines for space planning and drawing plans for kitchens and bathrooms.

Interior Design Practice Cindy Coleman 2010-05-25 Interior Design magazine has assembled some of the most notable voices in the interior design world today under editor-in-chief Cindy Coleman to define contemporary interior design and its practice. Interior Design Practice provides aspiring and practicing professionals a perspective that is as broad as it is deep, encompassing design theory and education, global professional practice, and the experiences of design firms large and small. An overview is provided of the development and growth of the profession, along with an in-depth assessment of the legal and regulatory environment. An extensive section is offered on the work process, ranging from pre-design, programming, and design development to contract administration. Finally, a section on management provides a thorough exploration of issues in marketing, financial management, project management, and managing client relationships. Both comprehensive and timely, Interior Design Practice describes the changes currently occurring in the design profession and industry and suggests new, unique ways of thinking and working that will serve as a catalyst for designers who seek excellence in their profession. List of Contributors, their company, and their location: — Edward Friedrichs, (former President, Gensler) San Francisco — Derrel Parker, Parker Scaggiari, Las Vegas — Cindy Coleman, Chicago — Beth Harmon Vaughan, Gensler, Phoenix — Barry LePatner, LePatner & Associates, LLP, New York □ Eva Maddox, Perkins + Will, Chicago — Sharon Turner,

Swanke Hayden Connell Architects, London — Pamela Anderson Brule, Pamela Anderson Brule Architects, San Jose — Orlando Diaz-Azcuy, San Francisco — Stuart Cohen, Cohen/Hacker Architects, Chicago — David Boeman, Powell + Kleinshmidt, Chicago — Greg Switzer, Robert Sutter, Switzer Architects, New York — Lisabeth Quebe, (Former VP, Perkins + Will) Soldiers Grove, WI — Gary Wheeler, Wheeler Kanik, Richmond, UK — Kathy Rogers, Jacobs Facilities, Arlington, VA Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

Designer's Guide to Furniture Styles Treena Crochet 2012 This image-rich text introduces significant movements in the evolution of the decorative arts, including furniture, design motifs, and accessories related to interior design and architectural settings from the Neolithic Age to the 21st century. DESIGNER'S GUIDE TO FURNITURE STYLES, 3/e augments the study of art and architectural history by discussing the function and aesthetic purpose of furniture, pottery, glassware, lighting, textiles, mirrors, metalworking, clocks, and wallcoverings; as well as their integration into interior design. The author presents crucial contextual information on political and social events and the technological advances that influenced each period's design trends, and compares objects from different periods, demonstrating how ideas and concepts progress through their stylistic development. Descriptions of period room settings show how the decorative arts complement architecture and interior design. Valuable websites and bibliographic information are provided for further exploration, and a glossary highlights key vocabulary.

Vault Career Guide to Interior Design Sara Forest 2005 "The media portrays interior design as a glamorous career offering unlimited creativity and fun. Designers are depicted as spending their days selecting fabric and furniture, deciding between mauve and mustard. And there's no question that the public's appetite for design is burgeoning accordingly - making the field grow more complex and challenging every day." "But what do designers really do all day? How does that apartment get featured in Metropolitan Home? This book will provide the real insider scoop on interior design careers - a look at the responsibilities and at the clients, the necessary skills and qualifications, and whether the field of interior design is a good fit for you."--BOOK JACKET.

The Interior Design Business Handbook Mary V. Knackstedt 2012-08-22 Thousands of interior design professionals have come to rely on *The Interior Design Business Handbook* for comprehensive, accessible coverage of the essential procedures, tools, and techniques necessary to manage a successful interior design business. The Fifth Edition of this essential resource has been revised to address the latest trends and changes in the field, with new and updated material on business size and structure, building a brand, client development, social networking and Internet marketing, finances, purchasing, technology and software programs, and other key areas. Complete with more than 75 sample forms and letters, this Fifth Edition is a one-stop resource for all aspects of establishing and running an interior design business—from choosing a location and managing day-to-day operations to growing a business and putting it up for sale. All of the techniques and procedures in the book are rooted in real-world experience and are used daily in successful design firms throughout the United States. Filled with valuable information for solo practices and small firms as well as larger businesses, this book is an indispensable resource for seasoned professionals as well as interior designers who are at the start of their career.

Business and Legal Forms for Interior Designers, Second Edition Tad Crawford 2013-07-09 All of the forms today's interior designers need

to succeed—revised, updated, and ready to use.

How to Prosper as an Interior Designer Robert L. Alderman 1997-03-21 Robert Alderman's new book, *How to Prosper as an Interior Designer*, provides detailed guidance for all designers seeking to succeed in today's competitive environment. It will help educate newcomers, reassure seasoned professionals, and equip a tough new breed of designer-entrepreneurs to thrive under any market conditions. Drawing upon his legal and financial experience as an attorney and financial adviser in the interior design field, Robert Alderman offers advice on many crucial legal and business issues to those who operate commercial or residential practices. Employing similar techniques from his previous bestseller, *Mr. Alderman* uses real-life case studies to show designers how to cope with their daily problems of cost overruns, contract disputes, fraudulent contractors, and difficult clients. These practical case studies show first-hand how other designers react when a crisis occurs - an invaluable source of learning by example.

PDCA Cost and Estimating Guide Volume I 2004-01-01 *Practices and Procedures* is the "how to" manual for estimating painting and related work. Quality takeoff procedures and estimating methods are thoroughly described and discussed. All elements of proper job pricing are described including the evaluation of labor, material, additional job costs, overhead, and profit. Working blueprints and sample estimates are a part of the manual. Job costing methods and their relationship to estimating is included.

Plan Reading and Material Takeoff Wayne J. Del Pico 2015-02-24 A Complete Resource for Residential and Light Commercial Contractors -- based on the latest construction materials and methods. Learn how to: read and interpret building plans create an accurate takeoff, using a complete set of working drawings. Each chapter covers a major construction division, such as concrete, masonry and carpentry -- and uses plans, details and tables to illustrate plan reading and takeoff

procedures. A checklist for each material division helps ensure that nothing is left out of your takeoff. Includes a complete set of residential plans from Home Planners, Inc., the nation's leading provider of home plans. With a detailed material takeoff, from site work to electrical. With over 160 illustrations, including commercial construction details.

Kitchen and Bath Design Mary Fisher Knott 2010-12-22 The all-in-one reference to designing stunning and functional kitchens and baths Designing for today's kitchens and baths requires technical savvy, a keen eye for aesthetics, and perhaps most important of all, the ability to coordinate efforts across many disciplines. *Kitchen and Bath Design* simplifies these complex decision-making processes with a comprehensive strategy for achieving kitchen and bath designs that successfully integrate beauty and practicality—while meeting client expectations. Fundamental design basics are covered, along with a host of important issues that designers must consider when conceptualizing these specialized rooms, such as ergonomics, codes and safety requirements, proper lighting and ventilation, flooring, cabinetry, countertops, wall surfaces, and more. Some of the topics that appear in this book include: A detailed introduction to construction, plumbing, and electrical basics A systematic approach to incorporating "green," energy-conscious design An overview of crucial design elements, including pattern, texture, line, form or mass, color, space and light, and sound The latest building codes and manufacturers' guidelines Written by a leading expert in interior design, *Kitchen and Bath Design* uses three-dimensional drawings and corresponding photographs to deliver valuable information that is critical when it comes to planning, designing, specifying, estimating, building, pricing, or evaluating a kitchen or bathroom. Whether they're working on a new or existing space, professional designers can apply the lessons learned from this current and accessible resource to masterfully take on all kitchen or bathroom projects—from the simplest to the most highly challenging.