

# WHAT SHOULD YOU PAY FOR AN INTERIOR DESIGNER?



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Interior decorating can be overwhelming. In an age when spare time is in short supply, many homeowners simply can't fit sprucing up their houses into their schedules. Sometimes it is better to just hire a professional.

But will hiring an interior designer break the bank? It all depends on your needs.

Smaller single-room projects will set you back far less than full interior renovations. One of the first things to consider is how your designer of

choice wants to be compensated. Most often, designers will choose to either be paid a flat fee or by the hour.

According to the Spruce, junior designers will run you an estimated \$100 per hour. For more experienced designers, that hourly price may be as much as \$500. On average, expect to pay around \$150 to \$200 per hour.

This cost will vary somewhat based on your area, however.

Expect to pay more in major metropolitan areas than in smaller towns.

Flat rates can also vary widely.

For a single room, prices will usually start around \$2,000. To design an entire house, expect to pay over \$5,000.

It is also important to budget for any furniture you will need, as designers will often purchase furniture for you through their discounted vendors.

According to Forbes, most designers will choose to charge by the hour instead of a flat rate — with prices ranging from \$50 to \$500. Not including the cost of furniture, the company said to anticipate spending roughly \$5,200 in design fees by the end of your project.