

STUDIOSPECK DESIGN EDUCATION

interior design courses

A Guideline



the starting point of your design journey

Here at Studio Speck we've taught all kinds of people, interior design. There are those who have always had an interest in interior design and would love a career as an interior designer. Some have bought a new home and want to do it themselves but are unsure where to start or how to spend their money wisely and property developers who want to design and plan it themselves to get the most profit from their developments.

We've also had some that are thinking of doing a degree in interior design and first want to see if 'it's for them'. Then there are those who are on a degree course but are not getting any CAD or Photoshop tuition, or any practical knowledge and want to be as employable as possible.

Whatever your reason, here at Studio Speck you have access to a practising interior designer with over 30 years experience. Not all courses show you what you need to know to do the job! We can help you, whatever stage you're at.

which course is best for you?

- p3 one day workshop
- p4 3 day interior design course
- p5 2 day drawing skills course
- p6 3 day CAD course
- p7. 2 day Photoshop course
- p8 5 day interior design course
- p9 10 day professional designer
- p10 design templates



Service Description

Have you ever watched Changing Rooms, 60 Minute Makeover, or Grand Designs and wondered how they come up with the schemes, ideas and colours and put it all together... then this workshop is for you.

Come along to one of our one day Workshops and take the mystery out of interior design and learn how to do it yourself. Workshops are friendly and relaxed with lots of practical sessions included.

Throughout the day you will learn:

taking your own brief
principles of interior design - why a room works
colour - what it means and how it makes you feel
draw and plan a room to scale
create a mood board

By the end of the day, you will have a lot more confidence in how to bring rooms together and how to achieve the look you have always longed for. Bring your own interior design problems to the workshop and we can show you how to overcome them.

This workshop is also great as a present for someone and you never know who you will meet! So come along and leave with the inspiration and confidence to change your home or office.

No experience is needed as this is a beginner course and open to all. This workshop is for you if you have a small project to tackle and are unsure where to start, or maybe you have a problem area in your home.

Take away whatever you have produced on the day along with your certificate of completion.

There is no computer knowledge needed for this course. All drawing is completed by hand.

cost £125.00

one day workshop

it's for you if...

- you have a small area of your home to design
- you're not looking to design professionally
- you don't know where to start
- you need some tips
- you only have one or two rooms to plan

it's not for you if...

- you have a larger home/space(s) to design
- you are looking to design professionally
- you are already designing

Service Description

Our 3 day Interior Design Course covers a lot more than the Saturday workshop. An ideal course if you have more than a room to plan and design, maybe you have just moved and the whole house needs a revamp! A real taste of what an interior designer does for a typical project.

Throughout the 3 days you will learn:

principles of interior design
 taking a brief
 colour - what it means and how it makes you feel
 draw and plan a room to scale
 planning kitchens
 planning bathrooms
 planning bedrooms
 planning living areas
 how to work with what you have
 how to choose colour
 the importance of lighting
 how to put a scheme together
 create a mood board and product board
 create a finishes schedule
 create a schedule of works
 cost your scheme

In this course, we not only show you how to bring your scheme together but also how to plan and implement it. If you are going into interior design as a business, you will also need to know if your scheme meets your client's budget! We will show you how.

No experience is needed as this is a beginner course and open to all. This course is for you if you have a larger project to tackle and are unsure where to start, maybe you are a developer and want to design it yourself also, to keep costs down, or maybe you have a problem area in your home.

Take away whatever you have produced in the 3 days, along with your certificate of completion and also your complimentary design kit, which has all the items you need to do the course.

There is no computer work on this course.

cost £425.00

3 day interior design course

it's for you if...

- you have a larger area(s) of your home to design
- you are thinking of designing professionally
- you don't know where to start
- you need some tips
- you need to work to a budget

it's not for you if...

- you only have one room to design
- you don't need to cost your designs
- you are already designing

2 day drawing skills course

Service Description

Choosing colours and materials is only a small part of an interior designers skill set when undertaking a project. First of all you will need to plan the area you are designing and make sure it works.

You will learn how to draw and plan a room to scale. How to measure up an area and what to think about and look out for.

Throughout the 2 days you will produce 2d plans and elevations of the space to scale, helping you communicate your design more clearly. You will also be able to recognise scale and proportion more easily.

You will learn how to represent furniture in 2d and elevations and what to think about when space planning and designing your space(s). How to begin to plan your space based on the information you have been given in your client brief.

Learn what drawing symbols you need to use and what they mean and also how to represent lighting and flooring layouts in 2d plan view.

All drawings and plans are produced by hand. No computer skills are necessary for this course.

it's for you if...

- you need to increase your drawing skills
- you don't know how to draw to scale
- you want to design professionally
- you are unsure about sizes
- you don't know how to spaceplan
- you need to draw up elevations

it's not for you if...

- you can draw to scale
- you can draw up elevations
- you can spaceplan

cost £325.00



Service Description

This 3 day Cad course is aimed at anyone who wants to begin using CAD to save time and add to their existing skills. It may be daunting but we will take the mystery out of it and show you what an easy transition it can be.

You will need a basic computer knowledge - you may be using Office (word or excel) or similar software. At the end of the course you will have the knowhow to draw up and print plans to scale, space plan and how to save in different formats so you can email clients and contractors. Think how much time you'll save!

Throughout the 3 days you will learn:

- overview of AutoCAD platform and menus
- setting up a template
- drawing lines and shapes
- hatching
- modify tools
- scale
- creating and inserting blocks
- layers and layer states
- dimensioning
- space planning in 2D
- layout tabs
- plotting and saving to pdf

We take the 3 days at your pace and also tailor the course to what you need to learn and relevant topics in your industry. Maybe you are a property developer and are finding yourselves working with CAD drawings more and more. Perhaps you need to know how to change things and print them off or email plans to contractors or also design your layouts yourself.

cost £525.00

3 day CAD course

it's for you if...

- you want to design professionally
- you're going to work for someone else
- you want to work on larger projects
- you want to increase productivity
- you need a good design tool

it's not for you if...

- you don't want to design professionally
- you already use CAD daily



Service Description

Photoshop is used widely in the ID and CAD and graphic design community to layout image files and to adjust and manipulate 3D visuals when you don't have the time to re-render. Interior designers use this to produce mood boards and colour up plans.

You will learn all about the photoshop interface, about image files and which is best to use for which application, simple tips and tricks to replace colour and lighten or darken images and how to 'mend' broken photos. How to manipulate text and images. You will see how you can bring your 2d plans and elevations to life, great for presenting to your clients and helping you win that project! In fact, the only limit is imagination!

See what this great software package can do for you and your business. No experience is required and you will go away with a certificate of completion.

You will need a basic computer knowledge - you may be using Office (word or excel) or similar software. At the end of the course you will have the knowhow to produce mood boards and colour up plans like the example here.

2 days of Photoshop:

- Photoshop platform and menus
- layers
- manipulating sizes and shapes of images
- replacing colour
- creating and manipulating text
- creating shapes
- how to bring your 2D plans to life - with realistic materials for presentation
- electronic mood boards

We also tailor the course to what you need to learn for your particular circumstances. Great, versatile software.

cost £325.00

2 day Photoshop course

it's for you if...

- you want to design professionally
- you're going to work for someone else
- you want to work on larger projects
- you want to increase productivity
- you need a good design tool
- you want to make hand-drawn plans professional
- you're thinking of offering e-design

it's not for you if...

- you don't want to design professionally
- you already use Photoshop daily

Our 5 day Interior Design Course covers a lot more than the other interior courses. An ideal course if you have more than a room to plan and design, maybe you have just moved and the whole house needs a revamp! A real taste of what an interior designer does for a typical project. A great course for taking a hobby into a business.

Throughout the 5 days you will learn:

principles of interior design
 taking a brief
 colour - what it means and how it makes you feel
 draw and planning rooms to scale
 general drawing skills
 plans and elevations
 how to work with what you have
 how to choose colour
 the importance of lighting
 how to put a scheme together
 create a mood board and product board
 create a finishes schedule
 cost your scheme
 how to price yourself as an interior designer

In this course, we not only show you how to bring your scheme together but also how to plan and implement it. If you are going into interior design as a business, you will also need to know if your scheme meets your client's budget and timescales! We will show you how.

No experience is needed as this is a beginner course and open to all. This course is for you if you have a larger project to tackle and are unsure where to start, maybe you are a developer and want to design it yourself also, to keep costs down, or maybe you have a problem area in your home.

Take away whatever you have produced in the 5 Saturdays, along with your certificate of completion and also your complimentary design kit, which has all the items you need to do the course.

There is no computer work in this course, all drawings are completed by hand.

You may wish to follow this course with the 3 day CAD course and then the 2 day Photoshop Course to compliment your skills.

cost £725.00

5 day Interior Design course

it's for you if...

- you want to design professionally
- you're going to work for someone else
- you want to work on larger projects
- you want to learn drawing skills
- if you want to know how to offer design services and how to price them
- you're thinking of offering e-design

it's not for you if...

- you don't want to design professionally
- you don't need to know about offering your own design services



4 days Interior Design - we will go through drawing a plan to scale, planning spaces plus making a mood board and product board, which you use to communicate your design to your client. We will develop your drawing skills and show you how to draw professional plans and elevations. We will show you the importance of document control with your drawings and quotations. We will also go through regulations as there are Building & Fire Regulations to know about when you are designing spaces.

How to choose colour, ways to help when choosing a colour scheme and how to use patterns. Most importantly, we will show you how to think about scale and proportion, which are vital to a successful space...get it wrong and the space will not feel right, however great it looks.

4 days CAD - here we will then draw the plan and elevations in CAD so plans are accurate and can be shared with other professionals.

2 days Photoshop - here we will add in the materials and make it look life-like. Not only will you learn what an Interior Designer does but you'll be able to draw it all up and put together your design using the latest computer software and you will also know how to do it on paper.

We will show you presentation skills and the business side of running an interior design practice or working for others. A great 2 week, in depth course to set you on your way to working in the interior design industry.

You will need computer skills for the CAD and Photoshop elements of the course.

10 day professional interior designer course it's for you if...

- you want to design professionally
- you're going to work for someone else
- you want to work on larger projects
- you want to learn drawing skills
- you want to design & plan your own developments
- if you want to know how to offer design services and how to price them
- you want to learn CAD & Photoshop

it's not for you if...

- you don't want to design professionally
- you don't need to learn CAD & Photoshop

cost £1250.00



useful design templates

we have put together a few useful design templates we use at Studio Speck

all are available to purchase in our Etsy shop from £2 - £35 and are added to, whenever we think of anything else useful for designers, property developers and students.

Our guides & worksheets have lots of tips to help you get the most information from anyone you are designing for & for your own projects

get them from our website shop:
www.studiospeck.co.uk/shop

- client consultation workbrief (taking a client brief)
- interior design service agreement
- furniture size guide
- social media planner
- interior designers goals & actions
- interior design finishes schedule
- consultation worksheet
- moodboard templates
- interior design process
- to scale metric roomplanner
- autocad template
- interior design project presentation NEW!

cost £various



common myths

you need a degree to be an interior designer

false, you do not need a degree to be called an interior designer but it's advisable to have some training so you know what to expect and what you can be responsible for.

it's just cushions & curtains

false, even though you may need to specify accessories, this is just a small part of the job, as is choosing colours.

I don't need a layout plan

Even though you could order furniture and 'see what fits', this is a risky and expensive way of designing. Sometimes you will need to design bespoke elements for the rooms and you should be planning rooms to scale. This takes out the guesswork and risk of things not fitting. Planning the layout is how we design the space.

interior design costs a lot of money

false, interior designers work to all sorts of budgets and all types of projects - large and small.





common myths

CAD is magic and draws it all up for you

false, using any computer program, you have to tell it what you want it to do. Using CAD does not make you an interior designer, it's a tool we use to help us design, just like an accountant uses a calculator. If you want to work in the industry, you will need to learn CAD, otherwise, you will have a barrier to employment. You will also limit your income.

I don't need to know how to draw as a designer

false, being able to draw to scale is how we work out and design the space. It takes the risk out of designing a space. If it works on paper and all your measurements and planning is correct, it will work in real life.

what if the client doesn't like the end result?

if you follow the process we teach and there is clear communication and everything is transparent, you should never have an unhappy client.



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courses coming soon:



e-courses



marketing for designers



3d courses