CAREER OF THE MONTH

INTERIOR DESIGNER

Transform Spaces. Inspire living.



£23,000
STARTING SALARY

£45,000
EXPERIENCED SALARY

37-42
HOURS PER WEEK

> "Every room has potential. An interior designer brings that to life."

WHAT DOES AN INTERIOR DESIGNER DO?

As an interior designer, you would plan and design the inside of buildings to make spaces attractive, comfortable and practical. You would consider how people use a room and select suitable colours, furniture, lighting, materials and layouts to create spaces that meet a client's needs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Interior designers don't just work in homes. They also work in:

- Hotels
- Offices
- Restaurants & Cafes
- Shops
- Schools
- Hospitals

A DAY IN THE LIFE

- **Meet Clients** to discuss ideas, preferences, and budgets
- **Plan room layouts** to make the best use of the space you have
- **Choose** colour schemes, furniture, flooring, lighting, etc
- **Use Design Software** to Create floor plans and 3D visualisations
- **Estimate project costs** and find suppliers to order materials
- **Work with contractors** such as builders and electricians to bring plans to life

Good design makes a space look beautiful and work better

HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

- You could do a degree in Interior Design, a foundation degree, or a Higher National Diploma (HND).
- You will usually need 3 relevant A-levels for a degree, or 1-2 A-levels for a foundation degree or HND. Entry requirements vary by course.
  As an alternative to A levels you could study a college course in Interior Design, or a T Level in Craft and Design.
- There are also paid apprenticeship routes, such as a Level 3 Furniture Design Technician Advanced Apprenticeship.
- During your studies, you can start a portfolio showing your drawings, colour schemes, room layouts and design ideas to demonstrate your creativity to employers or universities.

IS THIS CAREER FOR YOU?

You might enjoy being an Aerospace Engineer if you:

- Enjoy art, creativity and experimenting with colours.
- Have a good eye for detail and visual design
- Like arranging furniture and making the best use of space
- Enjoy solving practical problems
- Are interested in buildings, materials and furniture
- Communicate well and enjoy working with clients.

3D visualisations help clients picture a room

WHERE COULD IT TAKE YOU?

With experience, you could progress to:

- → Senior Interior Designer, or Design Manager responsible for a team of designers and multiple projects.
- → Creative Director leading the creative direction of a design company
- → Become self-employed and start your own interior design business

Did you know the colours and lighting in a room influence how people feel in that space?

CAREER CHALLENGE

Could YOU be an Interior Designer?
Give a room a makeover! Choose three colours and a few pieces of furniture to transform a bedroom or living room. Can you make it stylish, comfortable and practical?



Big opportunities await

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