



## How Do I Hire an Architect?

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An architect can design your beautiful new home or remodel as you envision it, plus work with you to choose materials that match your budget. For any large project, engaging an architect is a wise decision.

That said, not every architect will be right for your project. They might have a beautiful portfolio and great references, but that doesn't indicate how they will approach your home. The difference between the home you want and the home they create depends on how well the architect matches their design to your taste and lifestyle.

During initial interviews, here are some questions to ask to insure their vision for your project matches yours and that your personalities are compatible:

- What do you see working well in my vision for my remodel or new home construction, and what do you believe can be improved?
- How will this remodel blend with the rest of our home?
- Where do you see the challenges to build what we want?
- When you create plans, how detailed will they be?
  - Do your plans include interior elevations (details showing items like the layout of plumbing fixtures, tile layout, etc.)? This is important information for the contractor you select and enables them to give a more accurate bid for the project and make it run smoothly.
- How many homes in my area have you designed? Have you worked with my city on your other designs? Do you know the building requirements here?
- Please provide references, ideally for people in my area.

Architects can also offer other services in addition to design. Some will help you hire your contractor and be available to the contractor to make adjustments as work progresses. Ask the architect you choose which additional services they provide and what the additional costs for these services will be.

We at Flegel's Construction regularly works with some of the best architects in Silicon Valley. We see them as an integral part of our team to deliver the home you desire. When we speak, we can discuss not only the nature of your project but also recommend several architects for you to interview. Now you'll feel confident in your search for the right architect.

We trust this guide, and others you'll find on our website <https://www.flegelsconstruction.com> will enable you to become confident about the process of remodeling or building your home. We want you to feel comfortable from the very first step by using these insights to create the home you envision. Flegel's has a decades-long, impeccable record crafting homes in Silicon Valley. Plus, Scott Flegel personally has over 30 years of home building and remodeling craftsmanship in his background. It's the thing we do very, very well. We want you to know not only our craftsmanship but also character, so you'll feel confident when you choose us (and we trust you will).



Until we meet to discuss your project

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