

Knowing Your Needs & Wants Exercise Sheets

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Needs are the "**Must-have**" parts of improving your home for you & your family and the **Wants** are "**it would be nice to have but I can live without it**" parts of your project.

The **Needs** tend to revolve around you and your family's lifestyle and how you actually intend on using the house.

The **Wants** are the extra and above parts of the project and are things you would like to have in your home but aren't essential to how you live.

If you do not spend a bit of time really thinking about your Needs & Wants, you will end up changing your mind a lot later during the building work when it will cost you an arm and a leg to make these changes whilst the construction work is going on.

So how do you avoid making this mistake?

In this report are some of the very exercises we use here at Bespoke Home Design to help get our clients crystal clear on what they need & want from their building work.

And to **brainstorm** these needs & wants, all you need to do is fill out these exercises with a pen and piece of paper.

It's really as simple as that!

I hope you get some good use from this report and I had a great time putting it together for you!

Cheers,

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Knowing Your Needs & Wants Exercise:

- 4) Rate each room from 1 to 10 in terms of:
 - How much sunlight does it get?
 - Rate the quality and adequacy of the electric lighting
 - Does it have enough space for its use?
 - How much do you like the colour scheme in the room?
 - If carpeted, does it look good?
 - If wallpapered, does it look good?
 - Is the stuff in the room placed as to maximise the adequacy of the room?

- 5) Look at each room in your home and ask answer these questions for each room:
 - How do you intend to use the room after you refurbish your property?
 - How busy or quiet is the room going to be?
 - How many people will use the room?
 - Is the room going to be used most during the day or evening, week or weekend?
 - Does the room feel big or small?



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- 6) If you had a magic wand, what would be the one thing that you would change about your house?
- 7) If you had a magic wand, what would be the one thing that you would love to have in your house?
- 8) Are there any rooms or spaces that you'd like to have but currently don't have room for? Here are a few examples:
- Family room
 - Conservatory
 - Room of Your Own
 - Mudroom/pet room
 - Mail-sorting place
 - Utility room
 - Pantry
 - Hobby/craftroom
 - Master bedroom suite
 - Extra bedroom
 - Home office
 - Storage room
 - Home Cinema
 - Gym
 - Swimming Pool



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9) Will these extra rooms require an extension, or are there underutilized rooms or spaces within your existing house that can be repurposed?

10) Are there appropriate places within the existing footprint to accommodate the additional rooms and spaces you want?

11) Which of the rooms listed are “needs” which means you must have them and which are “wants” which means it would be nice to have but you could live without them?



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Knowing Your Needs & Wants Exercise:

12) Are there any existing rooms or spaces that you would like to redecorate, update or improve?

13) Are there pictures from magazines and websites of rooms & spaces you like the look of?



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