

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM

# *My Interior Design Internship*

My biggest Home Environment project to date was the seven (7) projects that I had the opportunity to work on during my interior design internship. The internship took place during my junior year of high school. I worked on the following types of projects:

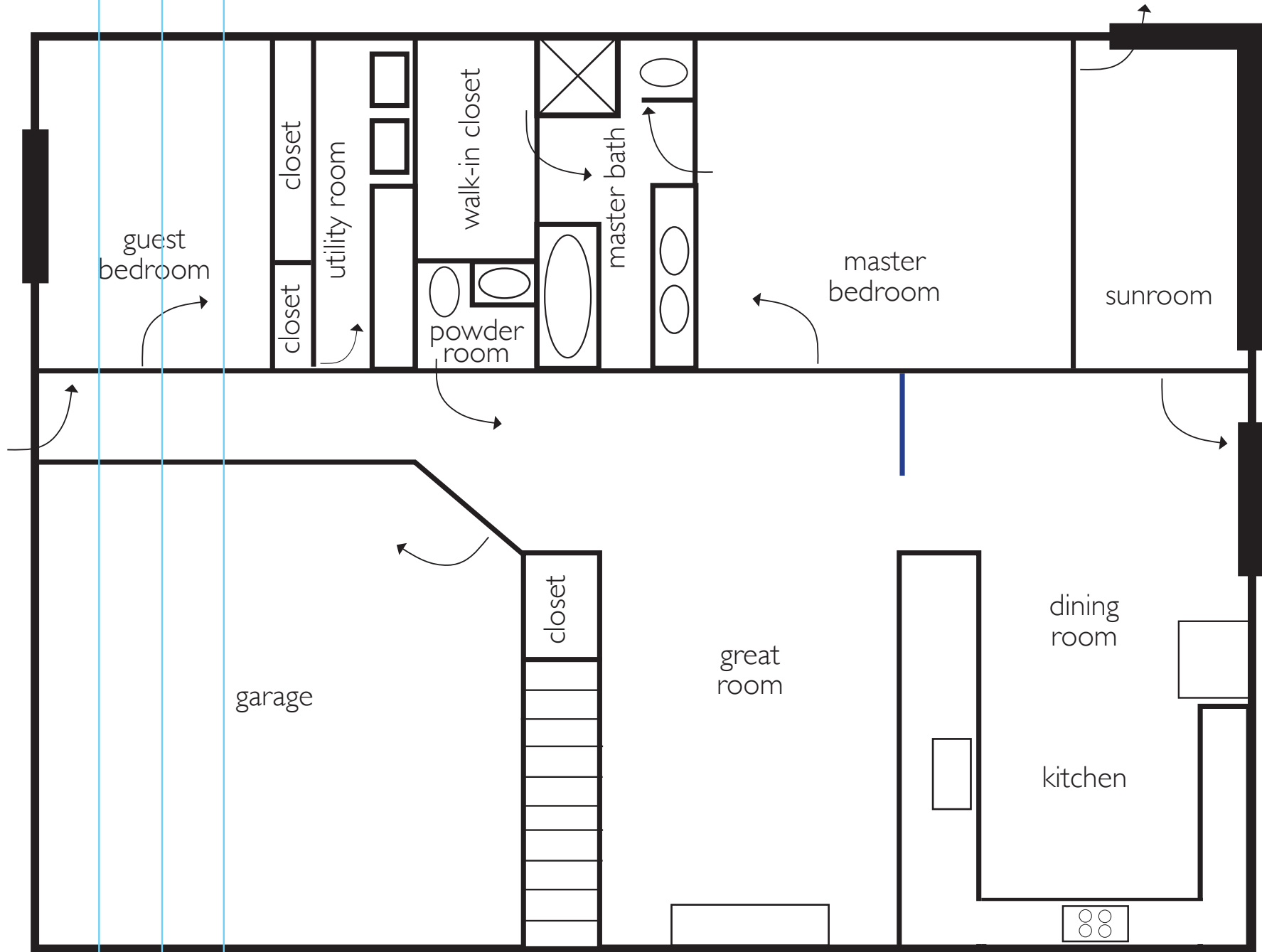
- Floor plans
- Furniture placement
- Color
- Accents
- Floral arrangements
- Picture hanging
- Computer Aided Drawing (CAD)
- Fabrics and textures
- Client interviews/relations
- Budgeting
- Business ethics

The following pages highlight my work from my final internship project.

*“Interior design is a business of trust.”*

-- venus williams

## DOWNSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN OF CLIENT HOME



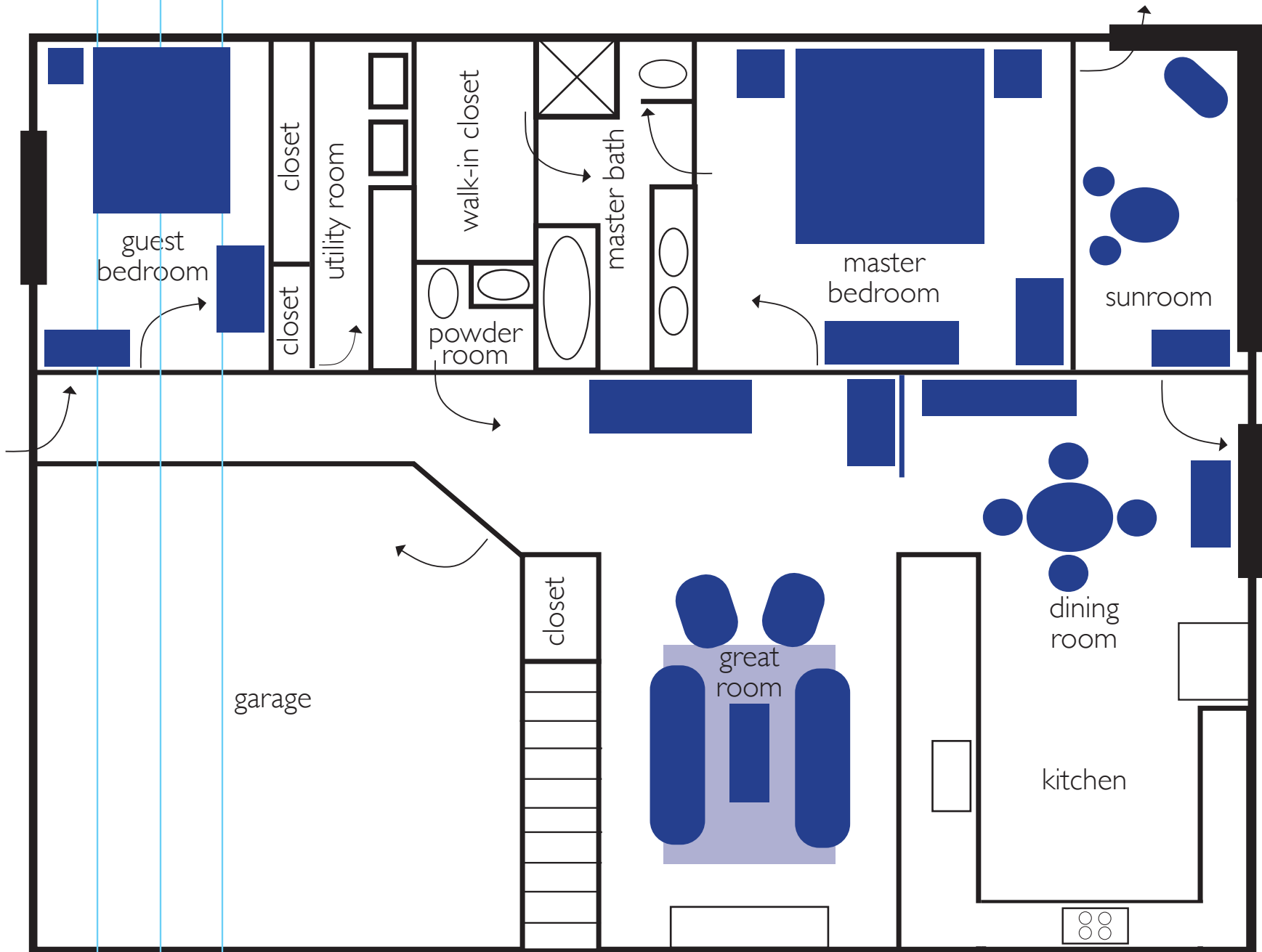
I learned how to draw a floor plan. This is, as a learned, a crucial step in furniture placement, as well as understanding the structural elements of a home (what a load-bearing wall is, for example). The closets were the hardest thing for me to figure out how to draw. I did not realize until I had drawn them on paper that they actually match up to another room (walk-in closet and powder room, for example).

## UPSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN OF CLIENT HOME



Even though it is much less space, the upstairs is actually more difficult to draw than the downstairs. The stairs and unfloored attic space were particularly confusing. This job was made much easier by CAD (computer-aided drawing) as it insured that all of my drawings matched my measurements to scale.

## FURNITURE PLACEMENT FOR DOWNSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN OF CLIENT HOME



Client has some existing furniture and will be updating furniture in several rooms. Before purchasing, it is important that we layout the furniture to ensure that we have adequate walk space, flow and feel to each room. Furniture should add to ... not overcrowd ... the room. **LEADERSHIP** -- I used this floor plan/furniture placement icons to create four (4) lesson plans/training activities for my Interior Design judging team to prepare them for competition. My 4-H agent gave me the responsibility to serve as an assistant coach and teach team members furniture placement skills.

FURNITURE PLACEMENT FOR UPSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN OF CLIENT HOME



*CITIZENSHIP – My agent liked the four (4) lesson plans that I created for my judging team a lot! She has asked me to help her to create another set of lesson plans (including activities) for my judging team on the subject of carpet selection for this year!*

Date: April 4, 2016

House Overview:

- 2,164 square feet (2 story)
- 3 bedrooms
- 2.5 baths
- Built: 2008
- Heat pump
- Single Family
- 0.45 acres
- Attached garage (440 square feet)
- Central cooling

Deadline: September 4, 2016

Notes:

- no structural modifications needed
- client wants to keep wall/trim color, existing flooring, existing cabinets, countertops and fixtures; functionality and furnishing changes only

What do you love about your house?

- wall and trim color
- coffered ceilings
- guest on main
- food pantry
- master on main
- sunroom
- bonus room
- master bathroom
- open floorplan
- upgraded fixtures
- counter in utility room
- hardwood

What do you hate about your house?

- patio
- shelving in master walk-in closet
- high ceilings (love them) but they make decorating difficult

What colors do you love?

- blue
- gray
- black
- okay with currently wall color

What colors do you hate?

- likes all colors

Is there something that you have or have seen that you want to serve as color inspiration?

- currentl mainstream interior colors of blues and grays

Do have a favorite style or look that you want to create?

- mid-century modern with eclectic features (client is from Paris and enjoys that theme)
- motto is "expect the unexpected"
- likes mixes of textures
- girly-girl

How do you currently use the rooms?

- most as they are intended, except for the following:
  - upstairs is a reading room
  - guest room downstairs is an office
  - sunroom is used as storage

How do you want to use the room?

- convert upstairs to a media room/third bedroom for overnight guest
- change guest room downstairs from office back into a guest room
- finish sunroom

Are their any special needs that need to be considered?

- N/A

Do you want to accomplish this in intervals or all at one time?

- at one time (has inherited furniture/bought antiques that she would like to incorporate)

What is your budget?

- \$25,000

WHAT I LEARNED:

*This is the most important step in the interior design business. I learned not only the important quesitons to ask, but the importance of listening and setting your preferences aside for the satisfaction of others. I really had some interesting ideas, but the client did not want them. That hurt my feelings a bit. I also learned that it is crucial to be upfront and open with your clients regarding costs, issues, etc... Using an ethical approach ensures client happiness in the long run and a long-lasting relationship.*

## LIVING ROOM

### BEFORE (left):

- Hodge-podge of furniture gives room a feeling of incohesiveness
- Does not match mid-century modern style wish of client
- Not in desired color scheme
- Lacks whimsy

### AFTER (right):

- Adopted a cohesive, midcentury modern look/style
- Created an inviting conversation area
- Incorporated elements of "whimsy" with the addition of metal giraffe and metal Eiffle Tower (*client is from Paris and wanted to work that thru the design*)
- Used existing wall and trim color (repainted stair railing white)
- Furniture features the blues and grays that the client preferred
- Added barstools with a pop of dark red (10% color) to transition into kitchen/dining
- Included inherited antiques from client's personal collection:
  - Red trunk
  - Wood Trunk
  - Piano
- Hung a variety of wall art including the following:
  - Antique chairs
  - Client's personal wall hangings
  - Paris picture
  - Metal star in gray, blue and red



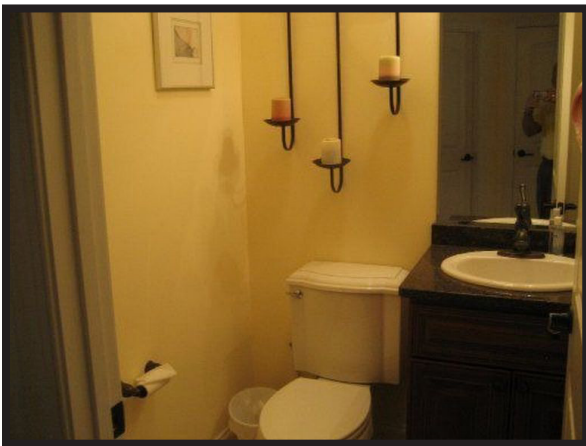
## MEDIA ROOM

### BEFORE (left):

- Room functionality is designed to reading
- Client wants to convert room to media
- Wall paint does not match rest of house

### AFTER (right and bottom):

- Wall color changed
- 1940's style was focus
- Antique dresser utilized as media cabinet and stand for television
- Homemade ping pong table adds element of fun; desk used as base makes the furniture functional for other tasks
- Leather furniture added comfortable surroundings adds more masculine feel to a relatively feminine designed home
- Clients love of puzzles created unique wall art
- Family memorabilia -- Carrom board game and father's baseball uniform added nostalgic feeling to side wall
- Draperies add finished look and create black out for movie watching





## MBR CLOSET

### BEFORE (left):

- Wire-shelving
- Limited room for hanging clothes

### AFTER (right):

- Custom shelving added with new paint and all holes repaired
- Shelving tripled the amount of hanging clothes space
- Special shoe shelving added
- Jewelry drawers included

### BIGGEST CHALLENGE:

*The closet was the biggest challenge for me. I had to work with an outside vendor to complete this project. In doing so, my role was more of the “middleman”. My client wanted jewelry drawers. The closet company put in two drawers. My client was not happy and wanted triple that amount! After two more drafts and several more dollars, we were able to get the client what she wanted. I learned from this to be very, very specific. Ask the client to sketch out what they want. It would probably be a good idea to have a meeting with all three parties to ensure good communication!*



			Actual	Saved
APR	Living Room	Sofas (2) -- in blue-gray in midcentury modern style	\$3,000 (total)	\$1,000
		Chairs (2) -- in blue/gray in midcentury modern style	\$1,200	\$800
		Rug -- in light blue/dark blue/black	\$130	\$300
		Coffee Table -- in white leather with midcentury legs	\$179	\$50
		Eiffle Tower (11.5 foot in black metal)	\$400	
		Giraffe (10 foot in dark metal)	\$600	\$200
		Antique Piano (inherited)	N/A	
		Barstools (2) -- in dark red leather in midcentury modern style	\$120 (total)	
		Artwork (including homeowners' design work, dress print, metal star and Paris Picture)	\$160	
		Antique trunks (2) -- inherited	N/A	
		<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,389</b>	<b>\$1,450</b>
MAY	Media Room	Sofa (oversized chestnut leather)	\$1,000	\$1,000
		Chair and a half (oversized chestnut leather)	\$500	\$500
		Entertainment Center (antique dresser in midcentury modern style)	\$270	
		Television (60-inch)	\$1,000	\$800
		Ping Pong Table (opted to make instead of buy)	\$80	\$300
		Coffee table (inherited and repainted black)	\$10	
		End table (inherited and repainted black)	\$10	
		Artwork (including metal airplane, carrom board, shadow-boxed baseball uniform, antique phone, laugh and dream canvases, popcorn, puzzle)	\$300	
		Draperies	\$60	\$400
		Floral arrangements	\$30	
		Shelving (inherited and repainted black)	N/A	N/A
		<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$3,450</b>
JUNE	MBR Closet	Remove wired shelving	N/A	
		Repair and repaint walls and trim	\$275	
		Custom shelving designed and added	\$2,000	\$1,500
		<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,275</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,864</b>	<b>\$6,400</b>

\* professionally repainted with total cost = \$500