

STUDIO FORMA

Where Space Becomes Story

A GUIDE TO OUR DESIGN PROCESS

PRACTITIONER NOTES FOR PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS
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*Most design guides tell you
what a good home looks like.
This one won't.*

We think that question is the wrong one to start with. A home that looks good in photographs and a home that actually gives you back to yourself at the end of a day are not always the same home.

So before we talk about materials, layouts, or moodboards, we do something most studios skip entirely: we try to understand who you actually are, and what your current home has quietly failed to give you.

This guide gives you a sense of how that process works — in broad strokes. The full framework, the questions we ask, and the way we translate what we hear into a finished space is something we walk you through directly, once we start working together.

Atmosphere over ornament.

Not what impresses.

What settles.

Not what photographs well.

What you inhabit without thinking.

Not a style applied to a plan.

A person, translated into space.

Every studio says they design around the client. Very few build a repeatable, rigorous process for actually finding out who that client is beneath the Pinterest board they arrived with. That gap is where we work.

Five stages. One thread running through all of them.

01 Understanding

Before any design begins, we spend real time understanding how you actually live — not how you'd describe your taste in a single meeting. This stage is deeper and slower than most studios attempt, deliberately.

02 Translation

What we learn gets translated into a private design direction — the internal logic that every material, layout, and lighting decision downstream will be checked against.

03 The Brief

You receive a clear, specific design brief in return. Not a moodboard. A point of view, with reasons behind every choice.

04 Room-by-Room Development

Each space is developed against that same throughline, so the finished home reads as one coherent idea — not a collection of nice rooms.

05 Procurement & Execution

We manage sourcing, vendors, and installation against the brief, so nothing drifts between the idea and the built result.

A few of the questions that guide the first conversation —

- “ Where in your current home do you actually feel like yourself — and where do you avoid?”*
- “ What space from your past, if any, did you never quite stop missing?”*
- “ If cost weren't a factor, what's the first thing you'd change — and why haven't you?”*
- “ What do you want people to feel in your home, rather than notice about it?”*

These questions are simple to ask and difficult to answer honestly — which is usually where the real brief for your home is hiding. The complete framework we use to interpret the answers, connect the patterns, and turn them into a design direction is something we keep for clients. It's the part of the process that took the longest to build, and the part that makes the result feel inevitable rather than decorated.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Week 1–2

First conversation, site understanding, and the discovery process begins.

Week 3–4

Design direction and brief presented back to you.

Month 2–3

Room-by-room design development, materials, and detailing.

Month 3+

Procurement, vendor coordination, and execution through to handover.

Timelines vary by project scope and are confirmed once we understand the specifics of your home and brief.

A well-designed home should not need to be explained.

If we've done our work properly, you won't need to describe your home to guests, or justify a single choice in it. It will simply feel like the truest version of somewhere you already belonged.

That is the standard we hold every project to — residential, commercial, or cultural. Not what looks impressive. What settles.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

*Begin with
a conversation.*

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