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THE CONSCIOUS HOME CHECKLIST

DESIGNING FOR FUNCTIONALITY AND FLOW

Use this ultimate checklist to think critically about your home's functionality before you build or renovate!

ENTRYWAY & MUDROOM

- Where do you put down keys, mail, bags, and packages when you walk in?
- Do you have a designated space for shoes, coats, and umbrellas?
- Can kids independently store their backpacks and jackets (low hooks, labeled bins)?
- Do you need a bench for putting on/taking off shoes?
- Is there enough storage for seasonal items like scarves, gloves, and sports gear?

KITCHEN

- Are your most-used appliances (coffee maker, toaster) in a convenient location?
- Do you have dedicated storage for heavy appliances to avoid lifting?
- Is there a spot near the fridge for grocery drop-off?
- Are your frequently used items (plates, cups) within easy reach?
- Do you have enough counter space for meal prep?
- Where will kids do homework or snack while you cook?
- Is there a dedicated and smart space for trash, recycling, and compost?
- Where is the best place to charge your devices; do you want a 'no technology time' box?
- Are your cooking and baking items in the most effective spaces- you do not want to travel around your kitchen when you're making a coffee.
- Do you need a designated place to arrange your own floral arrangements?
- Is there a drink fridge, milk near the cereal, or a special ice drawer?
- Is the breakfast area conveniently located in relation to the rest of the kitchen?
- Are snacks stored in a logical place—pantry or kitchen—and near lunch bags or grab-and-go zones?
- Do you have a clearly designated and accessible first aid kit?
- Would you consider a larger linen area?

LIVING ROOM / FAMILY ROOM

- Do you want toy storage here, or should toys be kept elsewhere?
- Is there hidden storage for blankets, board games, or electronics?
- Do you have a designated space for remote controls, chargers, and books?
- Is there adequate lighting for different needs (reading, ambiance, TV watching)?
- Will furniture placement allow for natural movement and conversation?
- Are there charging stations integrated for easy device access?
- Is there adequate space for children to play?
- If this area is connected to the kitchen, are there performance fabrics in that space?

DINING ROOM

- Do you need storage for table linens, serving ware, or extra seating?
- Is the table the right size for daily use and entertaining?
- Do you need a separate buffet or bar area?
- Will the lighting be adjustable for both casual meals and formal dining?
- Is there a designated space for hosting essentials (candles, placemats, drinkware)?
- Is there an accessible washing station?

BEDROOMS

- Is there enough lighting for reading, dressing, and ambiance? Do you want a switch next to the beds?
- Where will laundry hampers go to encourage easy use? Do you want a shoot?
- Do you need a dedicated workspace within the bedroom?
- Is there a system for keeping nightstand clutter under control?
- Do you have a designated space for frequently used accessories (jewelry, watches, handbags)?
- Is the nursery positioned in a proper place? Is there a designated space for a baby nurse?

BATHROOMS

- Are your towel hooks or bars located right where you need them?
- Is there a place for everyday toiletries that keeps counters clutter-free?
- Where will you store backup supplies (toilet paper, shampoo, cleaning products)?
- Is there a convenient spot for robes, pajamas, or clothes while showering?
- Do you need outlets in hidden storage areas for electric toothbrushes, razors, or hair tools?
- Is there adequate lighting for makeup, shaving, and general use?
- Where do you like to keep your shampoo, soaps, or candle when taking a bath?
- Do you want a designated place for books or magazines?

VANITY/CLOSET

- Is there a vanity in the closet or in the bathroom for hair styling, cosmetics, perfumes, and jewelry?
- Do you want hair appliances hidden away with a pull-out system?
- If there is carpeting, can it be cleaned easily in case of spilled make-up?
- When trying on clothing, is there a designated place for items you will keep or return?
- Do you prefer your clothes and shoes lined up according to days of the week, style, function, or color?

HOME OFFICE /STUDY

- Is the workspace positioned to minimize distractions?
- Do you have enough storage for office supplies, documents, and electronics?
- Is there a designated charging area for devices?
- Is the lighting adjustable for work tasks and video calls?
- Do you want a room color that evokes focus, or spontaneity?
- Do you have soundproofing if needed for focus or privacy?

LAUNDRY ROOM

- Is there space for sorting clothes before washing?
- Do you have built-in drying racks or space for air-drying delicate items?
- Is there a convenient place to fold laundry?
- Are cleaning supplies stored safely yet accessibly?

- Is there a system for lost socks, stain treatment, and household linens?
- Do you need space for an ironing board or garment steamer?

PLAYROOM / KIDS' SPACES

- Is there a clear system for toy organization (bins, shelves, labeled storage)?
- Do you have easy-to-clean flooring and materials?
- Are books and toys at a child-friendly height?
- Is there a designated arts and crafts area with proper storage?
- Do you need a soft play area or reading nook?
- Is there a plan for transitioning the space as kids grow?
- Is there a cozy spot for the adults to watch their children?

OUTDOOR SPACES

- Do you have easy access to outdoor storage for cushions, gardening tools, or sports equipment?
- Is there a designated area for outdoor dining and entertaining?
- Do you need shade or coverage for all-weather use?
- Are outdoor lighting and power sources positioned where needed?
- Is there a space for shoes, towels, and gear near entrances for seamless indoor-outdoor flow?
- Do you have a system for trash and recycling that integrates with your landscaping?
- Do you need the pool to be enclosed for safety purposes, and how can we do that in the most esthetically beautiful way?

GARAGE & STORAGE

- Is there a place for seasonal decorations, tools, and household extras?
- Are heavy items stored at waist level for easy lifting?
- Do you have a designated area for frequently used items (bikes, sports gear, luggage)?
- Is there wall-mounted storage to maximize space?
- Do you need a workbench or hobby area?
- Is there an organized system for emergency supplies and household maintenance items?

Your home should support your lifestyle, not work against it. Use this guide to think through every space and ensure every item has a place, and every space has a purpose. Designing consciously means creating a home that functions effortlessly so you can focus on living, not managing your space.
