

# INTERIOR DECORATOR

ALSO KNOWN AS: **INTERIOR STYLIST** **HOME STAGER** **DESIGN CONSULTANT**

## REIMAGINE AND REVITALISE INTERIOR SPACES AS AN INTERIOR DECORATOR.

Blend creativity with practical know-how to design environments that reflect your clients' personalities and meet their functional needs. In this role, you'll orchestrate colours, textures, and furnishings to create harmonious, stylish spaces that inspire and delight.

### KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a interior decorator include:

- ☑ Colour coordination
- ☑ Communication
- ☑ Project management
- ☑ Space planning
- ☑ Trend awareness

### CAREER PROGRESSION

In this role, you may have the opportunity to progress to other positions. Career progression opportunities include:

- Graphic Designer
- Team Leader
- Fashion Designer
- Kitchen and Bathroom Designer

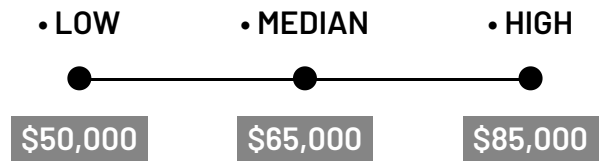
### VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a interior decorator include:

- ☑ Creative
- ☑ Attention to detail
- ☑ Adaptable
- ☑ Customer-focus
- ☑ Solutions-focused
- ☑ Artistic - "Creator"

### SALARY EXPECTATION

The expected salary for an Interior Decorator can vary across different areas of manufacturing and may vary as you become more experienced.



### RELATED INDUSTRIES

- ▶ Furniture and Other Products

### RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Design
- Visual Arts
- Visual Arts in Practice

### CORE SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- General Mathematics
- Essential English

## JOB OVERVIEW

As an Interior Decorator, you are the visionary behind beautiful, functional living spaces. Your role combines artistic flair with practical problem-solving to transform ordinary rooms into extraordinary environments that reflect your clients' tastes and lifestyles.

In this position, you'll work with a diverse range of clients, from homeowners looking to refresh their living spaces to businesses seeking to create inviting commercial interiors. Your toolkit will include colour wheels, fabric swatches, and an extensive knowledge of furniture styles and design trends. You'll also become proficient in using design software to create 3D visualisations of your concepts.

Interior Decorators can be employed within manufacturing businesses, or will collaborate with a diverse range of manufacturing professionals to bring their design visions to life. These include cabinet makers for custom storage solutions, upholsterers for furniture, textile manufacturers for fabrics and soft furnishings, metalworkers for hardware and fixtures, glass makers for mirrors and decorative elements, lighting manufacturers for custom fixtures, tile and stone fabricators for flooring and countertops, wallpaper manufacturers for wall coverings, and furniture makers for bespoke pieces.

Your role extends beyond simply choosing colours and furnishings. You'll often act as a project manager, coordinating with contractors, artisans, and suppliers to bring your designs to life. You'll need to balance aesthetic considerations with practical concerns like budget constraints and building codes. As sustainability becomes increasingly important, you may find yourself incorporating eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient solutions into your designs.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

In this role, your duties may include:

1. Consult with clients to understand their needs, preferences, and budget
2. Develop design concepts and present them to clients
3. Select colour schemes, materials, and furnishings
4. Create detailed plans and 3D visualisations of designs
5. Coordinate with suppliers, manufacturers and contractors to implement designs

## HOW TO BECOME A INTERIOR DECORATOR

Becoming an interior decorator typically requires a combination of education and practical experience.

1. To prepare for a career as an interior designer you should aim to complete your Year 10 secondary education. Completing Years 11 and 12 will also provide a good foundation and give you access to information through school subjects, teamwork opportunities, and building communication skills.
2. If you have an interest in becoming an interior decorator, you can apply directly to an employer.
3. Research potential employers in your area via a search engine, social media or job site. Even if there are no jobs advertised with the employer you're interested in, it can be a good idea to send a cover letter with your resume expressing your interest.
4. While there are no mandatory qualifications for this role, you can undertake vocational education and training and tertiary education in interior design.

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Pursuing vocational education and training can significantly enhance your career prospects as an Interior Decorator.

The Certificate IV in Interior Decoration (MSF40122) provides a solid foundation in design principles, color theory, and spatial planning, equipping you with essential skills for the industry.

For those seeking to advance their expertise, the Diploma of Interior Design (MSF50222) offers a more comprehensive understanding of design concepts, project management, and client relations.

The Advanced Diploma of Interior Design (MSF60122) further elevates your skillset, focusing on complex design projects and business management aspects.

## UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

Holding a degree in manufacturing, human resources, finance, economics, marketing or management can be helpful if you are considering taking a step into leadership or a business ownership position.

Specialist higher education qualifications that may be useful for this role include:

- Bachelor of Interior Design