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How to capture a space

Measuring a space is not always as easy as it seems, but it doesn't have to be as hard as some might fear, either. Here are some tips on how to measure and photograph a room.

- Start with measuring the walls. It might seem obvious but the first thing I need is sheetrock to sheetrock measurements of where the walls are.
- Place and size of windows and doors. The easiest way to do this is to measure from the outside of trim to the corner of the room. My shorthand for this is C to T. Example: 36" door 5'6" C to T
- Reference objects in the measurements, measuring from the back of the object. Example: "13'4" back of sink to French doors" or "12' from picture of boat to front door." When I put this information together with some pictures, it is very helpful.
- Label the rooms. Even if you are just doing a kitchen renovation, it is very helpful to know what is around it. This helps me design for the flow of your house and helps me create renderings that are more accurate.
- Take pictures from all four corners of a room. It might seem like overkill, but more information is always better. It also helps if the pictures overlap a little. This helps me place the objects in a room a little easier, just in case your sketched drawing is a bit rough.
- Don't forget the ceilings. Although most ceilings are 8' tall, it is always helpful to check. My rule of thumb when I measure a house is to ask myself what I've forgotten. My plans can only be as accurate as the measurements I have to work with. There are always a few more measurements to take and, again, the more information the better.

If you ever have any questions or need any help, please feel free to give me a call. Design is a process and I am more than happy to work with you!

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