

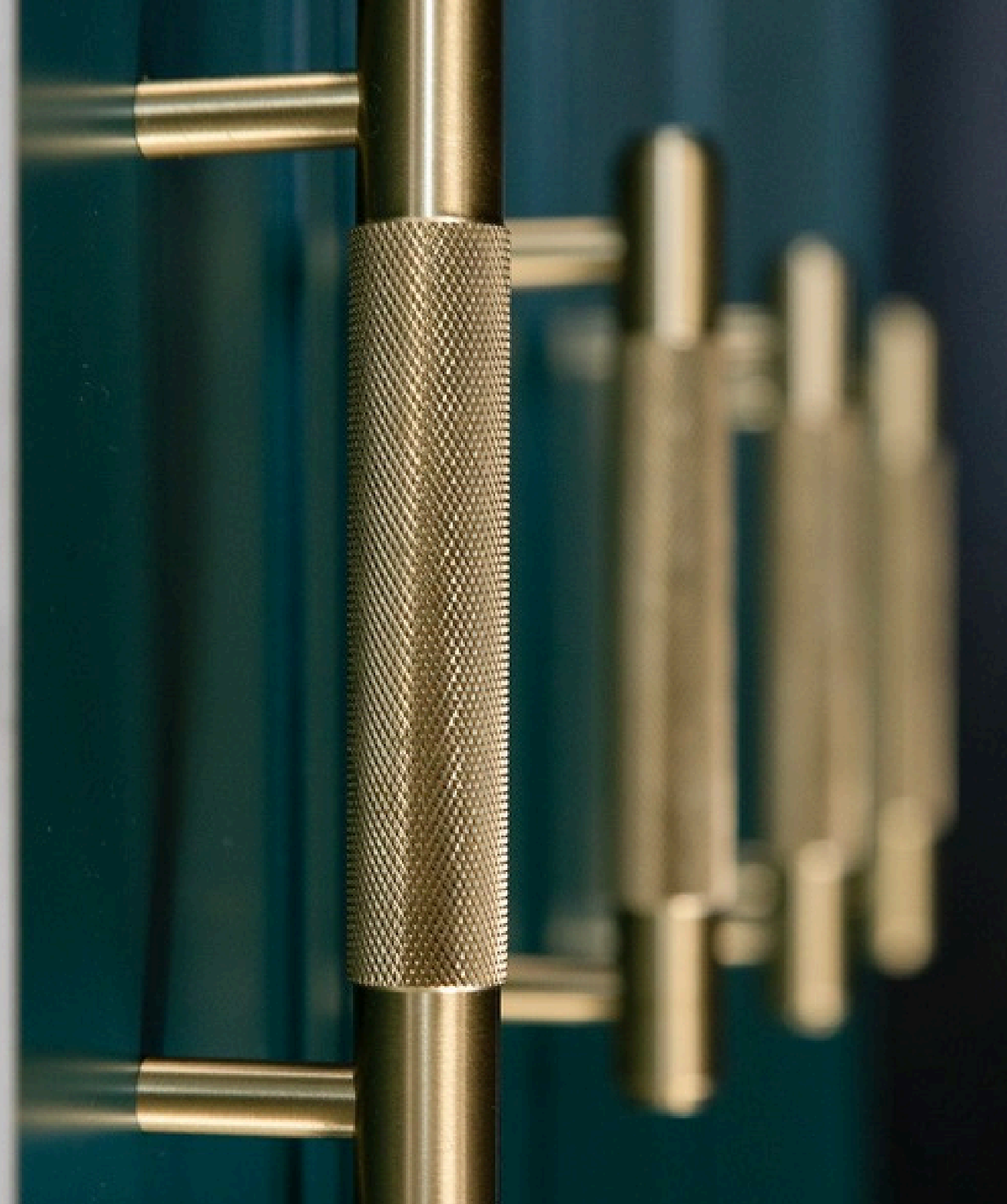
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DESIGN PATH

RESOURCE GUIDE

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Welcome to Design Path

Design Path is built for anyone with opinions and vision who wants an experienced designer to help them navigate decisions and bring ideas to life. Every Design Path is tailored to your project, what you need help with, and how involved you want to be.

Our guided collaboration gives you professional clarity, structured tools, and confidence to make decisions. All without handing over control.



Define the Vision

Gather 8–10 images that reflect the overall feel you want for your space.

These images:

- Do not need to be the exact room type
- Do not need to be perfect
- Should share a consistent color palette or mood
- Should include both close-up details and full-room views

Place them together on one page. This becomes your mood board — the reference point for all future decisions.



Refine the Vision

Refinement

If your images feel scattered or inconsistent, that is usually a sign the vision needs refinement before moving forward.

Inspiration

As part of Design Path, we review your inspiration together. Consistencies are identified. Conflicts are clarified. We'll teach you the differences, so you can decide what you truly prefer.

Define the Layout

Make a Drawing

Draw your room to scale before selecting finishes or furnishings.

In addition to walls, your plan should include:

- Windows and doors
- Heating vents
- Locations of all outlets and lighting

Use this plan to test layout options.





Refine the Layout

There's a relationship between furniture planning and location of outlets, lighting, and heating vents. If you do things out of order without the right considerations (or knowing what to look for) then costly mistakes are inevitable.

Design Path ensures layout and furnishing plans are developed so that architectural and aesthetic decisions support one another.

Define the Budget

Step 1 - List

Do not begin with a single budget figure in mind.

Instead, list every single selection in your project out individually.

Every piece.
Every finish.
Every fixture.

Step 2 - Estimate

Assign a realistic low and high estimate to each item.

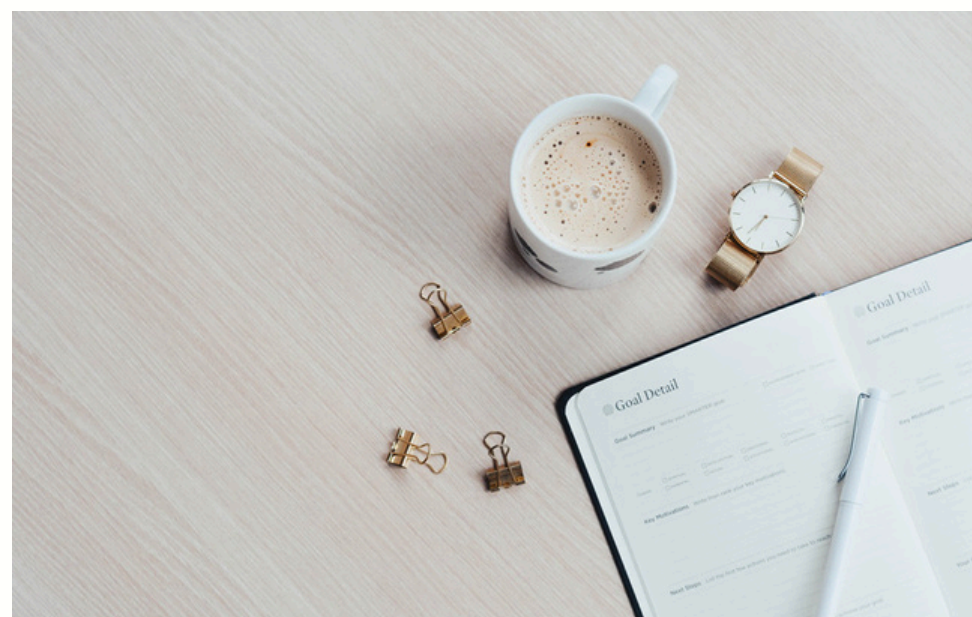
This is the only way to understand your true spending threshold — especially if you are unfamiliar with typical furnishing or construction costs.

Step 3 - Review

When you itemize at this level:

- You see where your money is going.
- You can make intentional trade-offs.
- You can adjust scope before becoming emotionally attached.





Refine the Budget



Don't Break the Budget

Most projects exceed budget not because of poor choices, but because selections are made without understanding the full picture.

Organize Choices

Design Path organizes choices within a structured budget framework so each decision is informed by the whole.



Begin Selecting – With Structure

Once vision, layout, and spending threshold are defined, you can make decisions with confidence.

As you move forward:

- Track costs in real time
- Update your plan with dimensions of every item you select
- Confirm installation requirements to mitigate surprises and door clearances for smooth deliveries
- Cross-reference selections against your original mood board

Details that are often overlooked:

- Pendant drop heights
- Grout tone
- Outlet placement
- Hardware consistency




Conclusion


When you consider all of these details and make strategically ordered decisions based on complete information and a strong design foundation, the end result is an aesthetic and functional home.

If this process feels layered, that's because it is. Design Path provides structure at each step so you know what to decide next.



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