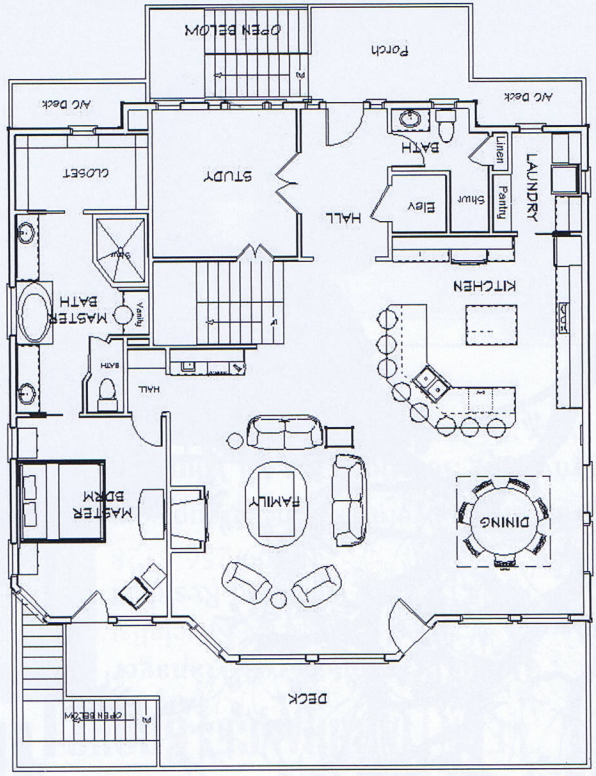


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No design decision is really wrong – when it is for your home, most design is predicated by personal preference. Your ideas may or may not be what others' would be under the same circumstances. A designer's role is to create a functional space that will contain the features you desire for your new home, all within the confines of the building site and your budget. After the designer's thorough review of your needs, including the pluses and minuses of available options, you will enjoy the confidence to make decisions for your home; knowing it will provide the best value, will suit your family's needs, and ideally, still make the most of the property upon resale.

Often, for reasons entirely their own, clients make choices I might not have chosen. Then again, it is their house. Under extreme weather conditions, roofing design will greatly impact your home's performance leaving interiors exposed to wind driven rain damage. Even with many being stripped of their roofing materials during Ike, Flat roofs also perform poorly in our windstorm conditions, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems difficult to install, not very practical for our climate, and make mechanical (heating, clients I have addressed their interest in flat roof styles which are where the design may preclude livability. In discussion with I try to steer clients away from development of a 'concept' house requirements.



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