

How do you make sure you buy the right home?

One that you and your family will love both now and in the future? Use this checklist to consider all the variables and prioritize your needs and wants. If you're buying with a spouse or partner, fill it out separately and then compare. It might spark a great conversation.

Type of Home	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Single Family Attached				
Duplex				
Multifamily with Rental Unit(s)				
Condo				
Co-op Apartment				
Loft/Mixed Use				
Single Story/No Stairs				
Architectural Style:				
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Shopping Checklist					
	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care	

Family or Friends

Community Center

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Nearby

Schools

Airport

Employment

Public Transportation

Shops & Restaurants

Bike Paths, Parks, Playgrounds

Cultural & Arts Opportunities

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Characteristics	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Customizable				
Move-in condition				
Will grow in value				
Low maintenance				
Safe and secure				
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Parking	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Garage				
Carport				
Driveway/Off-Street				

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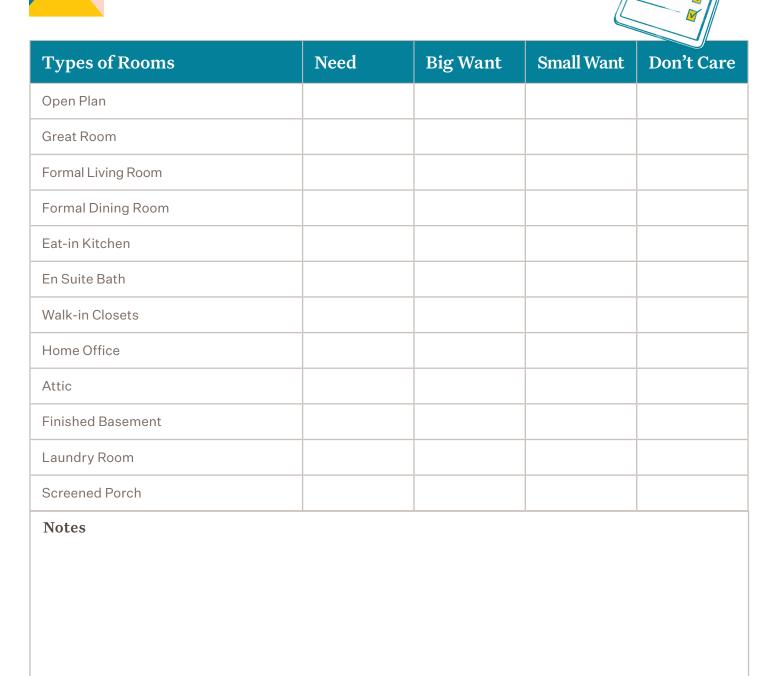
Bedrooms	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
1				
2				
3				
4+				

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Bathrooms	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
1				
2				
2.5-3				
4+				
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Kitchen	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Eat-in				
Breakfast Bar				
Island				
New Appliances				
Stone Countertops				
New/Remodeled Cabinetry				
Pantry				

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Flooring	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Hardwood				
Manufactured Wood				
Cork or Bamboo				
Laminate				
Wall-to-Wall Carpet				
Tile				
Stone				
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Exterior	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Brick				
Wood				
Shingle				
Stone				
Stucco				

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Heating/Cooling	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Electric				
Natural Gas/Propane				
Radiant Heat				
Central Air				
Fireplace				
Fireplace with Insert				
Wood or Pellet Stove				
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Univeral Design Features	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Extra-Wide Doorways				
Ramp				
Elevator				
Grab Bars				
Accessible Kitchen				
Walk-in Tub/Shower				
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Framework



Outdoor Space	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Yard				
Fenced Yard				
Trees/Landscaping/Garden				
Automatic Sprinklers				
Deck				
Patio				
Covered Porch				
Courtyard				
Pool				
Outbuildings (e.g. Shed)				

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