

INTERIOR DESIGN SOCIETY
DESIGNER
of the year

2026 Designer of the Year (DoTY) Student Challenge

CLIENT PROFILE

Clients: Becky (60) and Steve (62)

- Recently became empty nesters
- Have lived in their home for 25 years
- Preparing for semi-retirement and ready to invest in their primary suite

Location: Charleston, SC

Challenge: Design a functional and stylish, primary bedroom (16x18) and bathroom (12' x 14'). Their priorities are a luxurious, timeless feel to represent a new chapter focused on comfort and intentional living. The bedroom must accommodate a king-size bed and seating area for reading. The bathroom requires a spacious walk-in shower and double vanity. Private water closet preferred.

You must create a floor plan based on the sizes above that includes all the following:

- Lighting
- Flooring
- Paint
- Furniture
- Area rug(s), art, accessories
- Window treatments
- Cabinet and hardware selections
- Hard surface selections
- Color palette

There are no limitations, so explore your options and utilize the space to the fullest potential. Remember to think “outside the box” and let your creativity and client needs drive your design.

FINAL SUBMISSION: Your final submission will be entered into the awards portal ([located here](#)) no later than May 18th, 2026. Your submission will require the following:

- Description of the design and how the client needs were met
- PDF upload of Floor plan to scale (with specifications and dimensions)
- PDF upload of 2 elevations (with dimensions)
- PDF upload of a concept board