

# Designing with Purpose: Stories from the Studio

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## Our Favorite Design Tools

Behind every successful project is a toolkit that helps us brainstorm, communicate, and bring ideas to life. At LDA Architects, our design team relies on a blend of digital tools and hands-on resources to move seamlessly from concept to construction. These tools not only streamline our workflow but also help us stay connected with clients and collaborators at every stage of a project.

As a multidisciplinary architecture and interiors team, we rely on a suite of tools that streamline every phase of our work. Revit serves as our central hub for documenting and coordinating design, allowing us to visualize spaces in 3D while maintaining precise technical drawings for everything from floor plans to finish schedules. To keep communication clear throughout design and construction, we use Bluebeam Revu to mark up drawings, compare revisions, and share comments efficiently so everyone stays on the same page. For presentations and client-facing materials, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign help us refine renderings, develop signage, and create polished proposal packages that bring design intent to life. And when clients need to see a space come alive early in the process, Lumion enables us to generate high-quality visuals that capture finishes, lighting, and atmosphere.

### Design Tools:

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Revit

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Bluebeam  
Revu

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Adobe Creative  
Suite

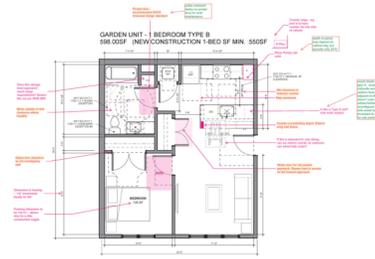
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## How We Use Them

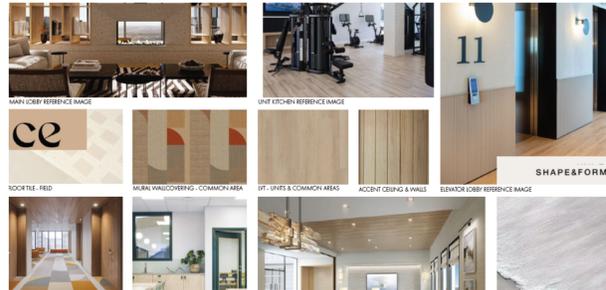


### Revit - The backbone of our drawings

- Develop detailed plans, elevations, and sections
- Coordinate architectural and interior details with consultants
- Create finish schedules and keynotes for construction sets

### Bluebeam Revu - For Markups and Collaboration

- Redline submittals and shop drawings
- Compare drawing sets across different versions
- Collaborate with contractors and consultants in real time



### Lumion - Quick Visualizations

- Produce photorealistic renderings for presentations
- Test lighting scenarios and material palettes
- Communicate design intent during client meetings

### Adobe Creative Suite - Bringing Concepts to Life

- Edit renderings to showcase design intent
- Produce branded graphics for project boards and marketing
- Create custom patterns, signage, and exhibit materials

## Designing with the Right Tools

These platforms support us from the first sketch to the final punch list. By combining technical precision with collaborative tools, we're able to create spaces that honor their history, meet modern needs, and stay true to our design vision. Whether it's adapting a century-old building for contemporary use or developing new construction with character, our favorite tools help us bridge the gap between past and future design.