

How Do You Use Revit? Testimonials from Revit “Super-Users”

Revit, a Building Information Modeling software, is an indispensable tool for architects and designers. Drawings and renderings generated from Revit help support effective communication across A&D firms, between disciplines and contractors, and most importantly to the client, they can enhance decision-making. By making Steelcase Health’s entire product catalog available on Revit, we’ve made it easier for designers to create 3D models instead of having to produce the models themselves, ultimately saving them valuable time.

I asked several designers who currently use Revit what they like about the software, how they use it, and why having Steelcase Health symbols available helps them do their job.

Elke Latreille, a designer in [Perkins+Will’s Vancouver office](#), has been using Revit for over 5 years and says she “would loathe to use any other program”. “The fact that it is 3D means it is extremely fast to not only draw sections, elevations and views of the building, but it also enables you to visualize the building in 3D as you draw it,” Elke said. “It saves a lot of time in drawing coordination as it references views automatically. The amount of information you can put into it and get out of it is very useful.”

She particularly likes that all the Steelcase families of products are available in Revit. “It makes it easier to spec the products, to see which ones work best in the space and to show the client what it will look like,” she said.

Vicky Wong, a designer at Perkins+Will Vancouver also, uses Revit daily on healthcare interior planning, elevations and detailing. She uses “Steelcase Health furniture symbols like Answer and Montage for nursing stations, offices, workrooms, and also exam room layouts.”

Jennifer Turner is the Director of Interior Design at [MHAworks](#), an A&D firm in Durham, North Carolina that has used Revit for the past 11 years as one of their primary design platforms. In the past they always modeled their own Revit families such as furniture and accessories, a process that was very tedious. “Using Revit models and families from Steelcase Health has saved us time,” Jennifer said, “by allowing us to simply download the model, add it to our library and place it in our project. This enables us to easily change materials in our models and render a finished image in a shorter amount of time.”

Susan Ungerleider, a LEED AP BD+C certified designer at [BBH Design](#) in Raleigh, North Carolina, “uses Revit to coordinate the structure, systems, site, spaces, and overall design of the buildings” she designs. Revit “has facilitated our process in many ways, one of which is that it allows the design team to catch coordination conflicts earlier. Since multiple users can interact with the model simultaneously, I think that it also helps to foster a more collaborative design process,” Susan said.

To learn more about this terrific, time-saving program and see Steelcase Health's products converted into Revit symbols, check out the [Revit Library on Steelcase Health.com](#).

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