

ILLUSTRATED PLANNING WORKBOOK

Child Care Room Planning Workbook

Practical room guidance and reusable planning tools
for family child care homes and child care centers.



SHARED HOME SPACES | DEDICATED PLAYROOMS | CENTER CLASSROOMS

MEASURE YOUR ROOM | TRY FURNITURE ARRANGEMENTS

Illustrated room
examples

Blank measurement
pages and grids

Paper furniture
templates

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Use the guidance first, then work through the measurement and planning pages. The blank grids are intentional working pages for different arrangements, not missing content.

A living room shared with child care



Illustrative shared family living room. Everyday household furniture remains in place, with accessible play materials and open floor space incorporated into family life.

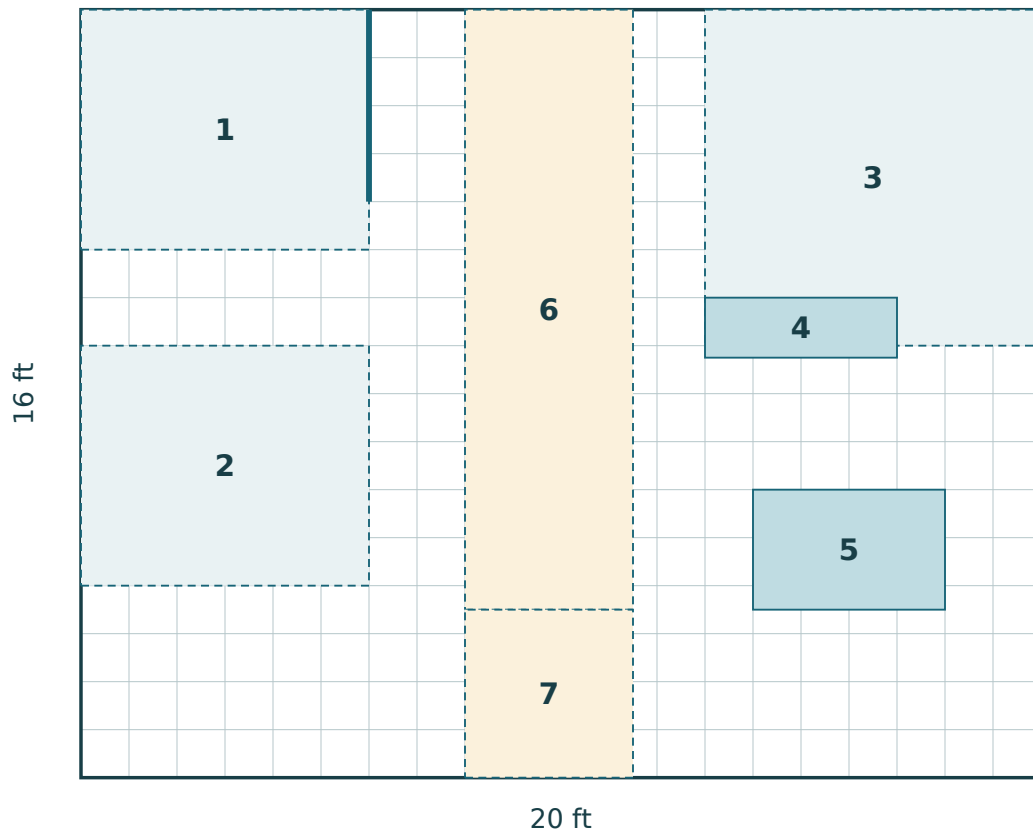
A family child care room can remain a family living room. The sofa and armchair offer places for shared reading and conversation. A clear rug provides floor-play space, while low storage keeps suitable books and toys within children's reach during care.

Give activities recognizable places without filling the room with classroom furniture. Use accessible baskets, a book shelf, and a suitable work surface. Include household furniture in your measurement inventory and draw matching pieces on the custom furniture grid. Keep routes between doorways, play, and caregiving areas open.

Plan the daily changeover. Secure family-only belongings during care, then put play materials away after children leave. Check supervision from seated and standing positions. Adult sofas are for awake activities; infant sleep uses a separate appropriate infant sleep space.

A worked layout example

Fictional 20 ft x 16 ft room. This shows the paper method; it is not a measured plan of either room illustration. Equipment sizes and opening locations are examples.



1. Awake infant area

2. Reading area

3. Blocks / pretend play

4. Low shelf

5. Activity table

6. Walking route

7. Door swing area

Trace a route to every activity and care area. Draw additional space needed for occupied chairs, open doors, and adult assistance. An unmarked space is not automatically an adequate clearance.

Room measurements and fixed features

Measure each room section and fixed feature. Mark doors, their opening direction, windows, sinks, columns, storage, and floor changes. Confirm uncertain measurements before arranging furniture.

Room / date / measured by / units

Wall or section	Actual length	Fixed feature and location

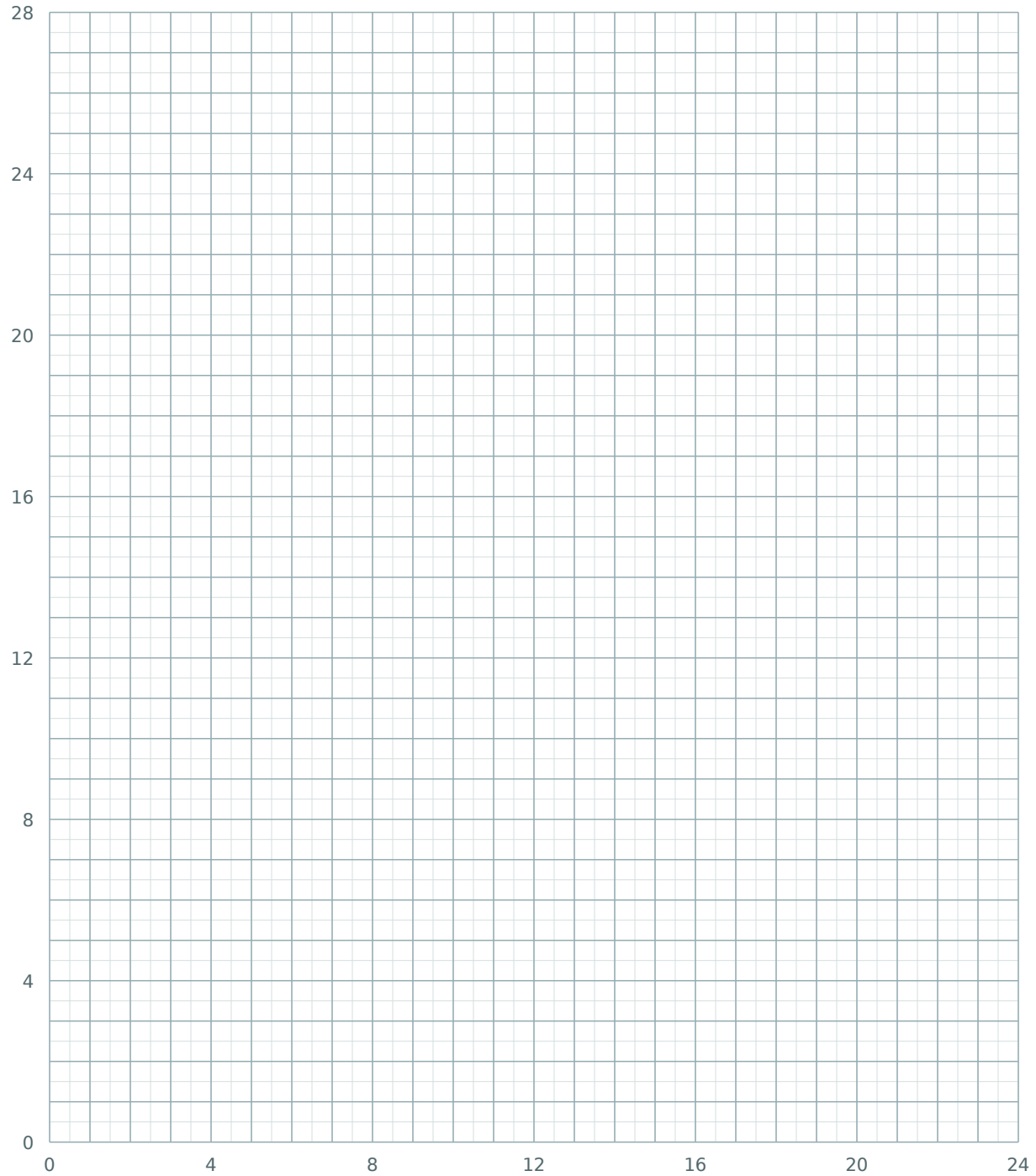
Rough room outline - not to scale

Measurements or requirements to confirm

Room grid A

Room: _____ Date: _____ Drawing: _____

Draw the inside faces of the room walls. Join copied grids for larger rooms.



Major square = 1 ft. Light half-square = 6 in.

Scale: 1/4 inch on paper = 1 foot in the room.

