
UNIT: Floor Plans

LESSON: Furniture Arrangement

COMPETENCIES:

1. Discuss furniture arrangement guidelines as they relate to traffic patterns, function, or purpose of a room, as well as architectural features.
 2. Arrange a room to scale in a practical and aesthetic manner.
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OVERVIEW/SUMMARY:

The arrangement of furniture is an extension of space planning. A good arrangement of furniture will be both functional and pleasing. Furniture arranged without regard for function will not meet the intended use for the room and will lack aesthetic appeal.

MOTIVATOR:

Provide students with a doll house and miniature furniture. Allow the students to arrange the furniture in various functional patterns.

OPTIONS/SUPPLIES:
OPTION 1

DISCUSSION: Discuss the information, "FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT" (including "FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT" transparencies) while students complete the discussion guide. (This assignment could also be completed as students read Chapters 3 and 4 in Residential Housing or Interiors, An Introduction.)

OPTION 2

ASSIGNMENTS: Have students complete the assignment "FURNISHING A FLOOR PLAN". Students may use the sample floor plan which is included, or may draw their own floor plans. Furniture drawings should be made with the use of templates or stencils. If paper outlines are to be used, you may wish to have the students place the outlines under their floor plan and trace the furniture in place. It may be helpful for students to cut and paste paper outlines the first time they do a furniture arrangement, but thereafter, pasting should be discontinued. [SUPPLIES: copies of floor plans, copies of furniture, scissors, pencils, pens]

OPTION 3

EVALUATION: Have students bring pictures of rooms to class. Discuss the positive and negative aspects of the way the furniture is arranged.

RESOURCES:

Furniture Catalogs

Crate and Barrel, 1-800-323-5461

Ethan Allen, 1-80162-2971

Speigel, 1-800-345-4500

This End Up, 1-800-627-5161

Pottery Barn, 1-800-922-5507

For more information see corresponding chapter in Interiors, an Introduction, or Residential Housing.

Room and Furniture Layout Kit, Muncie Hendler, ISBN 0-486-24213-7, \$4.95.
