

COAST DESIGN 
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KITCHEN
PLANNING
GUIDE



getting started



Ready for a quiz? Let's put your project to the test. There are no right or wrong answers, just honest answers that will help you and any professional you select get started on fulfilling your dream kitchen, bath or other room. You will be surprised at how taking the time to answer a few questions will pinpoint exactly what you need.

General

1. When are you planning to begin your new construction/remodel? _____
2. Remodeling will include: Mostly redecorating New cabinets
 New appliances Structural changes
3. Current concerns: Lack of counter space Dated look
 Lack of storage space Other _____
 Lack of seating space
4. Who will be the primary user of this room? _____ Height? _____ Right or left-handed? _____
5. Will there be a secondary user? _____ Height? _____ Right or left-handed? _____
6. Are there any physical challenges to be considered? _____
7. What type of cabinetry do you like? Formal Traditional Contemporary
 Casual Country
8. What flooring surface do you prefer? Laminate Tile
 Wood Concrete
9. Is there enough counter space? _____
10. Is the countertop material undamaged and in good shape? _____
11. What type of countertop surface do you like? Solid surface Metal Concrete Butcher block
 Tile Laminate Solid surface veneer

Bathroom

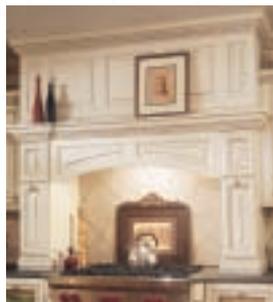
1. How many family members use this bathroom? _____
2. Can two people use bathroom comfortably and conveniently at the same time? _____
3. Is the existing bathroom big enough? _____
4. Is the bathtub big enough? _____
5. Is the toilet in a good location (i.e. away from swinging doors)? _____
6. Does the bathroom relate to adjacent rooms the way you would like? _____
7. Is the sink at a comfortable height? _____
8. Do cabinets include a well-organized storage system? _____
9. Is there enough storage space for grooming equipment? _____
10. Is there space for towel storage in or near the bathroom? _____
11. Is there enough linen storage space? _____ Add a linen cabinet? _____
12. Is there an efficient ventilation system in the room? _____
13. Is there adequate lighting for your bathroom activities? _____
14. Are the plumbing pipes free from leaks? _____
15. Are the walls in the shower/tub free from mildew or dry rot damage? _____
16. Do entry, closet or cabinet doors interrupt walkways or block fixture use? _____

what are you looking for?



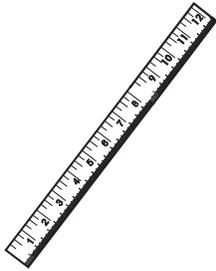
Kitchen

1. What activities typically take place in your kitchen?
 - Gourmet cooking
 - Bill paying
 - ___ Number seated
 - Other _____
 - Quick meal preparation
 - Crafts
 - Work
 - Eating at island or table
 - Entertaining
 - Homework
2. How many cooks are typically in your kitchen? _____
3. Do you have task lighting above the countertop? _____
4. Is there a good ventilation system in the cooking center? _____
5. Is the sink in good condition? _____
6. Do you have a dishwasher? _____
7. Based on the way you cook and the way your family uses the kitchen,
 - a.) is the sink conveniently located? _____
 - b.) is the refrigerator conveniently located? _____
 - c.) are the oven and cooktop located where you want them? _____
 - d.) is the microwave oven conveniently located? _____
8. What type of items will you need to store?
 - Everyday dishes and glassware
 - China and stemware
 - Pots and pans
 - Other _____
 - Collectibles
 - Small appliances
 - Plastic containers
 - Bulk items
 - Odd-shaped utensils
 - Cookbooks
9. Please check the storage options you would like to include:
 - Tambour/appliance garage
 - Vegetable bins
 - Spice rack cabinet
 - Extra-wide drawer base
 - Deep drawers
 - Tilt-down trays
 - Breadbox
 - Built-in microwave cabinet
 - Pantry: tall, base pull-out or swing out
 - Cutlery divider
 - Wastebasket cabinet
 - Beverage racks
 - Lazy susan
 - Sliding towel rack
 - Tray dividers
 - Roll trays/sliding shelves
 - Recycling cabinet
 - Tall pantry or linen storage
10. Please check the design accessories you would like to include:
 - Open basket cabinet
 - Decorative range hood
 - Bookcases
 - Decorative onlays
 - Apothecary/spice drawers
 - China display cabinet
 - Decorative moulding
 - Custom appliance panels
 - Decorative wall shelf
 - Rounded cabinets
 - Decorative legs/feet
11. Does the kitchen relate to adjacent rooms the way you would like? _____
12. Is the view from the kitchen to the outside where you would like it to be? _____
13. Is there a casual dining/conversation area in the room? _____
14. Is the kitchen arranged so that "people traffic" is directed away from the cook's activities? _____

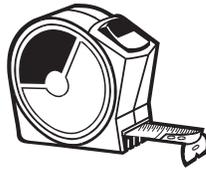


Measuring Your Space

Proper and accurate measuring is a must before planning which cabinets and accessories will be needed and placement of exact appliance locations. Kitchen designers will use $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale which means $\frac{1}{2}$ " on your ruler represents 12 inches or 1 foot of actual floor space. We have provided grid paper on the following pages for your rough draft. On the grid paper, to make it even easier, we've scaled it to each square of the grid is equal to 3 inches of your actual floor space. Besides the supplied grid paper you will need the following items to begin your rough draft.



1 Foot Ruler



Tape Measure



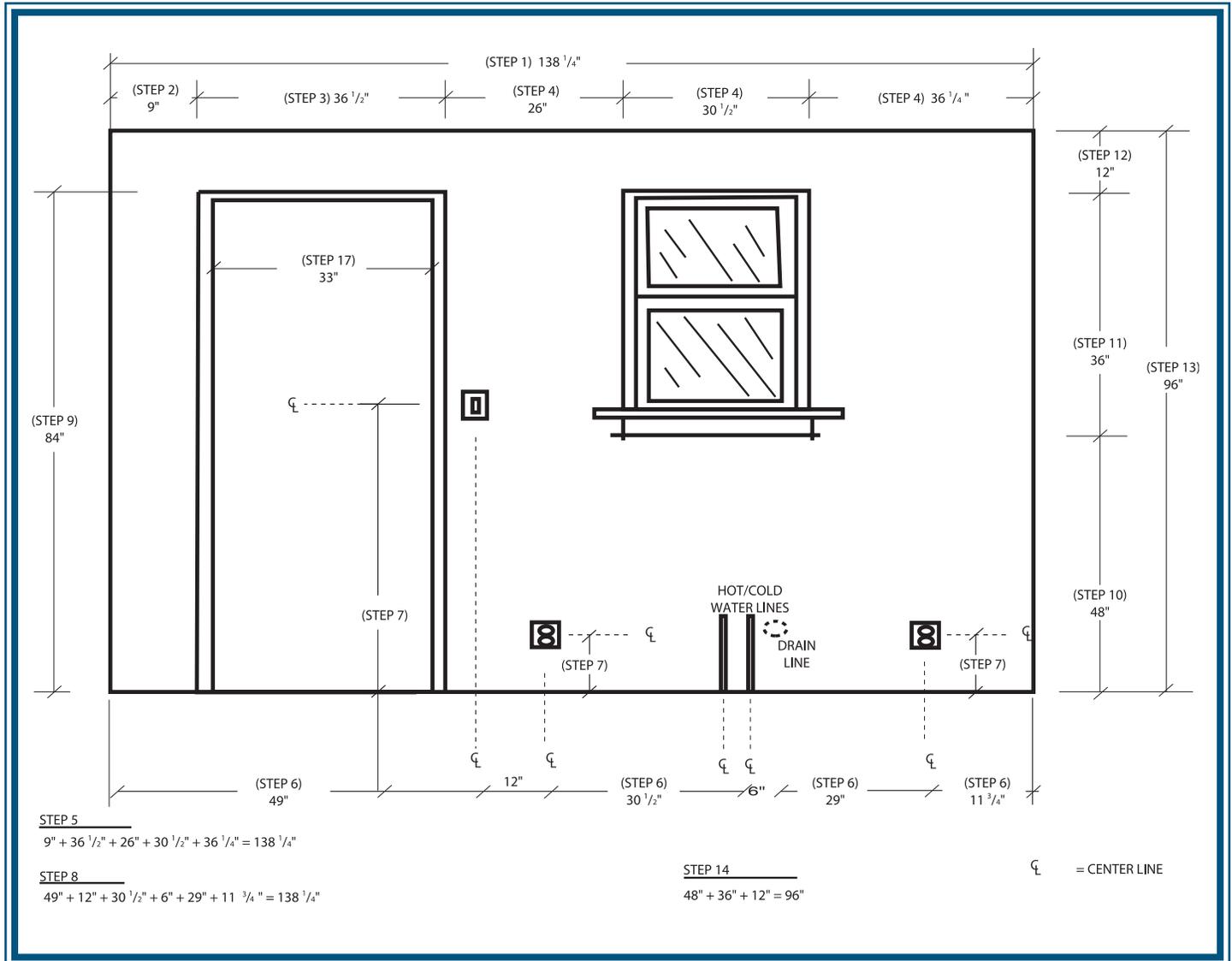
Pencil

Follow the steps below to accurately measure your space. Transfer each measurement on the provided grid paper using the Sample Wall Measurements as a guide.

- STEP 1.** Begin at the left of any corner in the room and measure to the right corner, noting the total measurement in inches.
- STEP 2.** Return to the left corner and measure to the outer edge of moulding of a door/window opening.
- STEP 3.** Measure the doors and windows from the outer edge of moulding to outer edge of moulding. Notate which way doors swing open.
- STEP 4.** Continue measuring all doors and windows this same way along the wall to the right corner.
- STEP 5.** Double-check your measurements by adding up all the measurements from Step 2 to Step 4. These should total the overall wall measurement for Step 1. If they do not equal, you must remeasure before proceeding.
- STEP 6.** Return to the left corner and measure to the center of any water lines, water drains, gas lines, electrical outlets or electrical switches. You will need to pull appliances away from the wall if in the way.
- STEP 7.** Note the measurements from the center of each outlet/switch to the floor. Continue measuring all of the items listed on Step 6 until you reach the right corner.
- STEP 8.** Double check that these measurements total the overall measurement in Step 1. Again, if they do not equal, you must remeasure before proceeding.
- STEP 9.** Note the overall height of each door, including moulding.
- STEP 10.** Note the measurement from the bottom of the windowsill to the floor below each window.
- STEP 11.** Note the measurement from the bottom of the windowsill to the top of the moulding of each window.
- STEP 12.** Note the measurement from the top of each window to the ceiling.
- STEP 13.** Measure the overall floor to ceiling height, accounting for soffits and beams.
- STEP 14.** Double check that the measurements in Steps 10 through 12 equal Step 13. If they do not, remeasure.
- STEP 15.** Repeat Steps 1 through 14 for each wall of the room.
- STEP 16.** Measure all existing appliances that will be reused in your new kitchen. If new appliances will be used, it is best to get the manufacturer's specifications prior to designing your new kitchen.
- STEP 17.** As an added measure of caution, it is recommended that you measure the inside width of all entry doors and door ways to check that existing cabinets and appliances can be removed, but especially that all new cabinets, appliances and counter tops can be brought in without onsite modifications.



Sample Wall Measurements



General Space Requirements for Kitchen Appliances

Refrigerator	=	36"	Single-bowl sink	=	27"
Built-in wall oven	=	30"	Freestanding range	=	30"
Double-bowl sink	=	36"	Dishwasher	=	24"
Microwave	=	24"	Built-in cooktop	=	36"

size it up continued

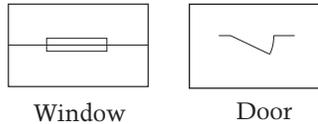
Drawing Your Floor Plan

You are now ready to draw your floor plan on the grid paper provided. (A scale ruler is helpful.) Before you begin, understand that you are converting your measurements in inches down to a scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ ". In other words, each 12" (or 1 foot) section of your actual measurements will equal $\frac{1}{2}$ " on your ruler. Furthermore, each small square on your grid paper equals 3" of your actual measurements. To transfer the measurements that you have obtained from each wall, use a pencil and follow the steps below.

STEP 1. Draw a line equal to the total measurement of each wall that was measured in $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale.

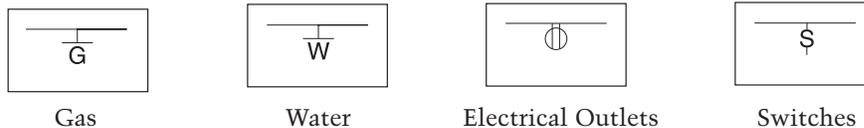
STEP 2. Notate the total measurement in "dimension lines" on the outside of the lines drawn in Step 1.

STEP 3. Draw where the doors and windows are located on each wall using these symbols:

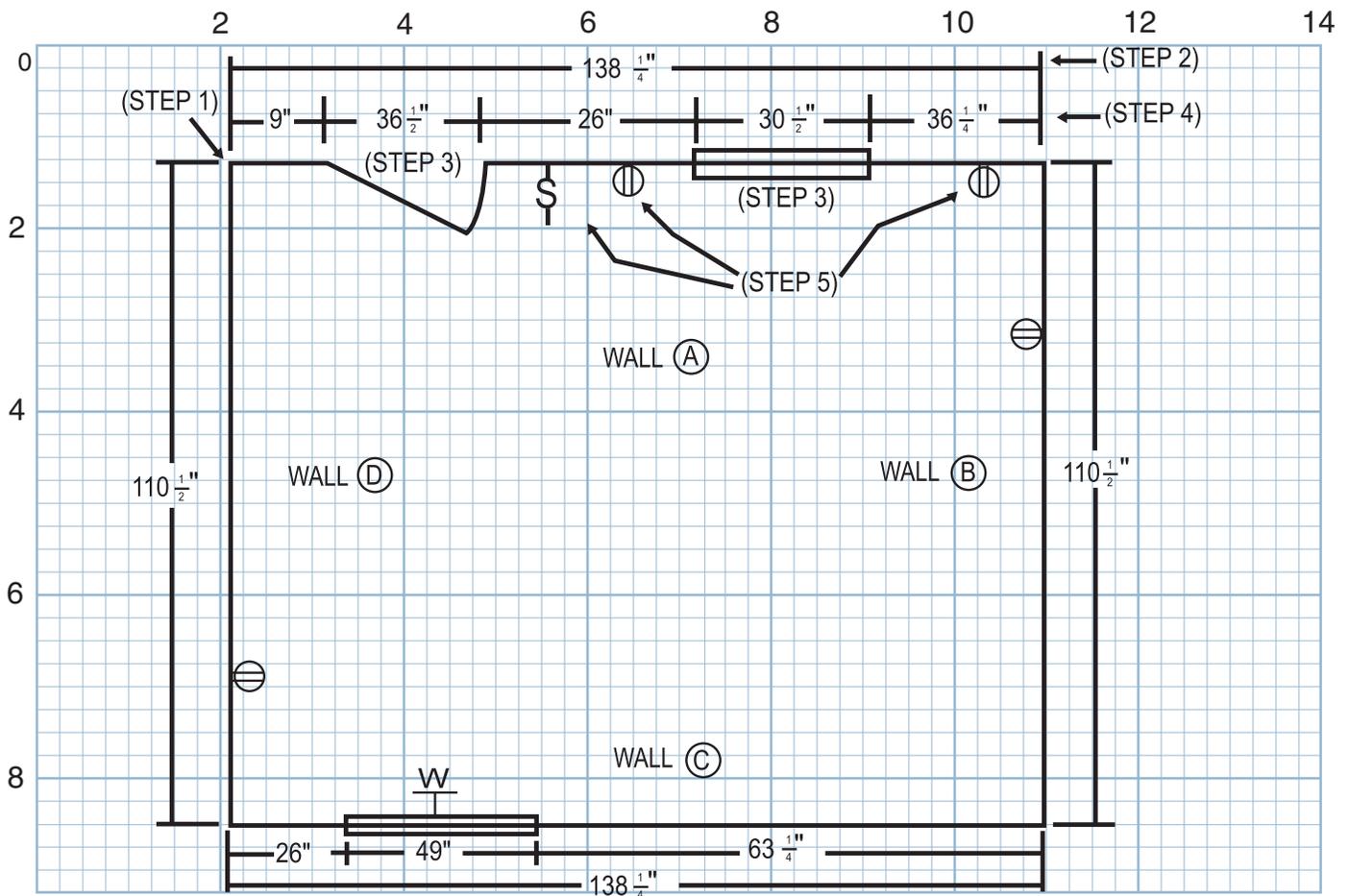


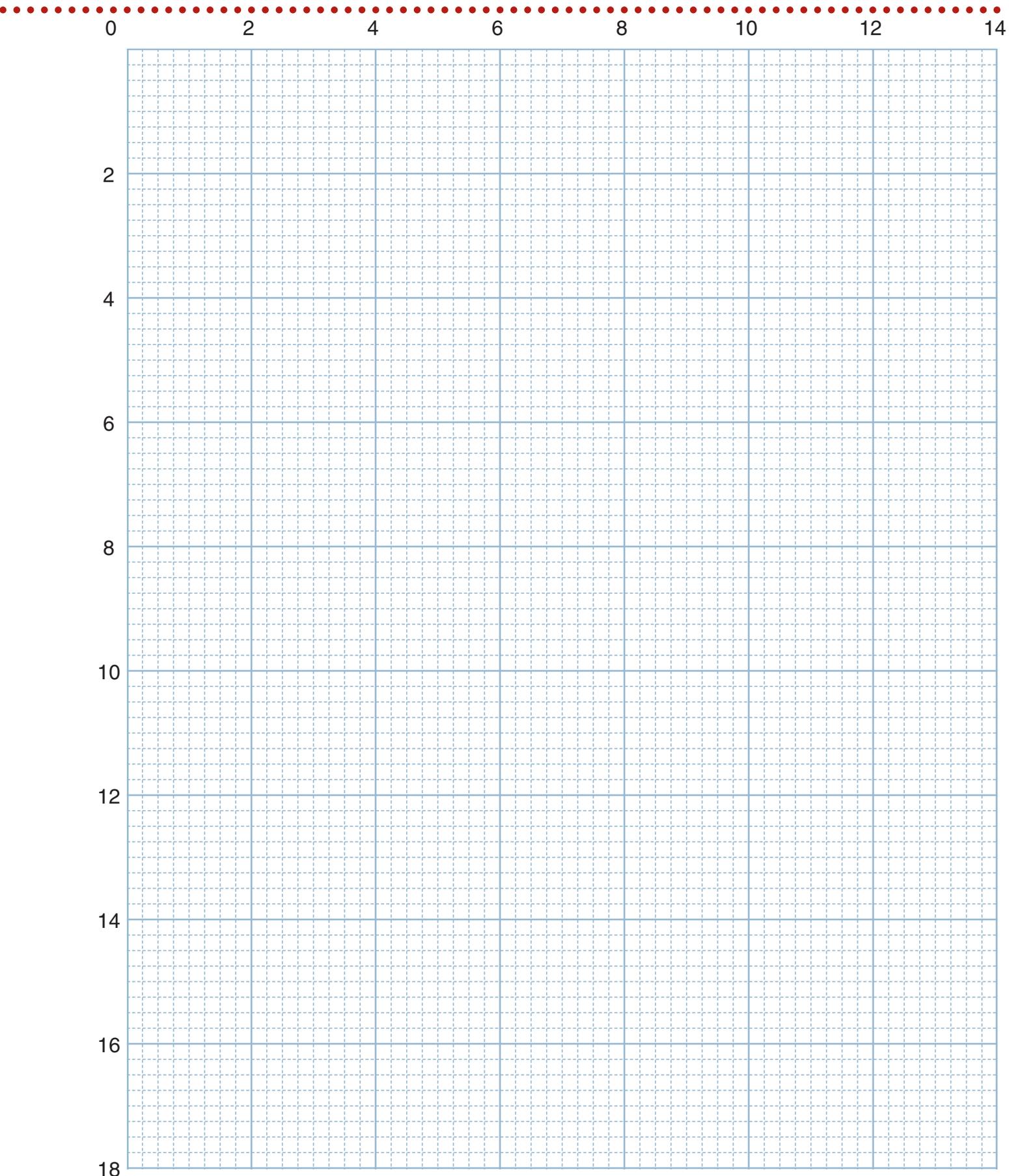
STEP 4. Notate the measurements of each window and door in "dimension lines" between the wall lines and the "dimension lines" for the total measurement.

STEP 5. Locate and draw the gas lines, water lines, electrical outlets and switches located on each wall using these symbols:



Sample Layout





TIP In very large rooms that will not completely fit onto the grid paper provided, use a $\frac{3}{8}$ "=1' or $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1' scale to make the drawing smaller.