

Tools to Use: Designing Your Infant-Toddler Classroom

These tools can help you arrange and rearrange your room—all without breaking a sweat. Remember URLs can change at any time. If you cannot find a site, please contact the company or organization for more information.

Classroom Architect:

<http://classroom.4teachers.org/>

This website provides a blank floor plan and furniture templates you can use to outline your classroom online. You decide what furniture to put in the room and where it goes. The furniture tools are simple geometric shapes, but they provide an easy-to-use glimpse of how your classroom could be laid out. You can use this site to design and redesign your space before you move any real furniture.

Environments, Inc. Model Room Plans:

http://www.environments.com/Help/HelpFAQTopic.aspx?help_faq_id=260

The Environments website provides sample room plans that would work for many infant-toddler classrooms. The room designs are based on materials sold by this company, but the ideas reflect developmentally appropriate practice. If you need ideas about how to design your room, this is a good resource.

Community Playthings Sample Classrooms:

<http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/RoomPlanning/SampleClassrooms/index.html>

This website provides a three-dimensional view of sample classrooms. Again, the designs are based on materials sold by this company, but their sample classrooms can provide you with good ideas about how to organize your space.

Lakeshore Learning Classroom Designer:

http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/classroom_designer/cd_launch.jsp?popup=yes

This website lets you design your classroom from scratch. It can help you decide where furniture and materials will fit in your classroom. You can choose to view existing classroom features or items available from this company.

Kaplan Early Learning Company Classroom Floor Planner:

<http://www.kaplanco.com/resources/floorPlannerIndex.asp>

This interactive tool lets you build your classroom design from a blank template or begin with an example classroom. You can customize the floor plan and dimensions to match your classroom.