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A short guide on how to measure your room

This is a brief guide on how to accurately measure your room.

All you're need is a:

Print the "Draw Your Space" page or a plain A4 sheet

Tape measure or download a phone measuring app

Pen or pencil

Once you've taken your measurements and drawn your room,
no matter how rough the drawing, email to:

The absolute basic that you will need to measure are:

Floor to ceiling heights

Widths of walls

Positions of doors and windows

If you want a more detailed plan you can
include the location of:

Phone points

Incoming internet point

Power sockets (single and double)

Light switches

For those that don't own a tape measure see
5 of the top iPhone & Android measures
that are easily downloaded and ready to use.

5 Downloadable Measuring Apps



Measuring couldn't be simpler – you can now use your phone.

Download one of these room-measuring apps: Apple Measure (built into most iPhones), Magicplan, RoomScan Pro (iPhone), AR Plan 3D or Polycam. They use your camera or LiDAR to scan your space and create quick, accurate measurements and simple floor plans. Just capture the full width of the wall, the ceiling height, and the position of any doors, windows, radiators or sockets, then screenshot or export the plan and email it over with your enquiry.

Apple Measure (iOS, free / built-in)

Built into most recent iPhones and iPads. Lets users measure walls and objects with the camera, and auto-detect rectangular objects. App Store

Magicplan (iOS & Android)

Uses LiDAR or the camera to scan rooms and create floor plans. Strong for quick surveys; widely recommended in home renovation and interior design roundups. RealRender3D+1

RoomScan Pro (iOS)

Lets users literally walk around a room and generate a floor plan by touching each wall with the phone, making it great for getting accurate room outlines. Coohom

AR Plan 3D – Room Measure & Planner (iOS & Android)

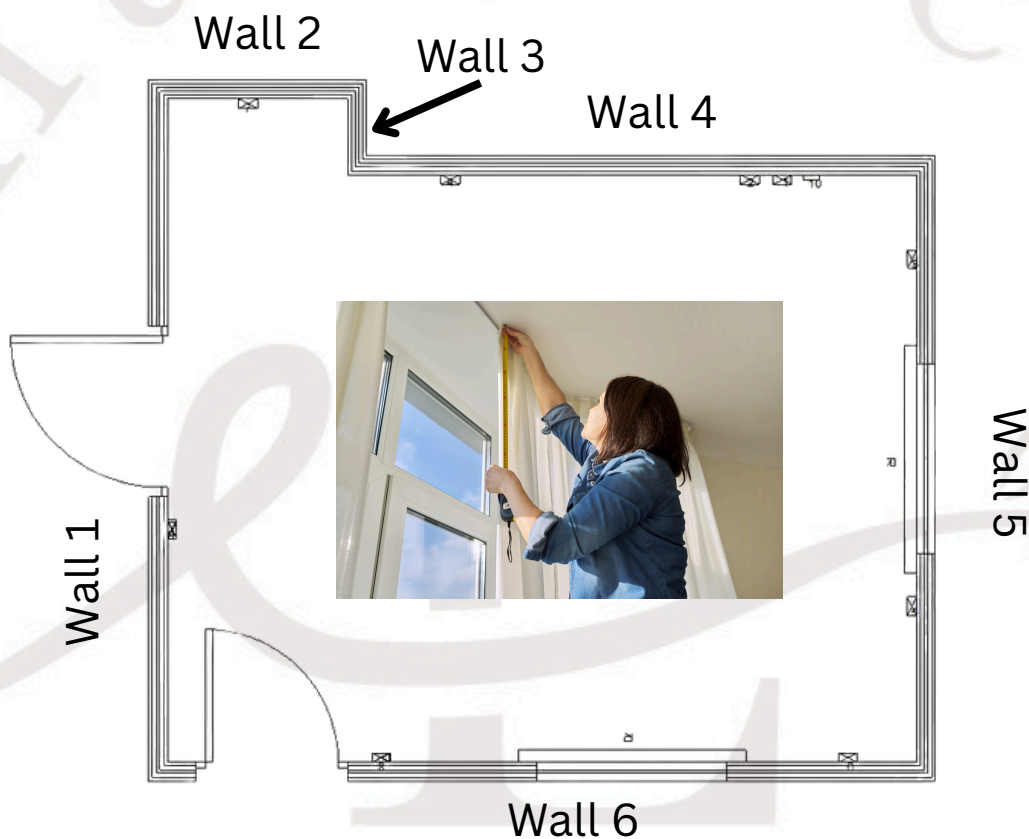
AR tape-measure style app that can scan a room, build a 3D floor plan and give height, width and area. Very handy for “stand in the room and point” measurements. App Store

Polycam (iOS & Android)

Uses LiDAR and photogrammetry to create accurate 3D models and floor plans from a quick scan; popular with designers and recommended as a top room-scanning tool for interior pros. DesignFiles Blog+1

Example room layout

The walls in the example room layout below will be used to demonstrate the best way to measure.



Most people suppliers and tradespeople work in MM.

To avoid confusion

1 metre = 1000 millimetres

50 centimetres = 500 millimetres

1 centimetre = 10 millimetres

Some Basic Information

The walls in the example room layout below will be used to demonstrate the best way to measure.

Always measure:

- wall widths at 3 points (picture 1). If you don't want to remove the skirting for your installation, take this as a separate measure.
- the floor to ceiling heights in 3 places (picture 2) (Not necessary if it's a narrow wall, like wall 3 in the example room.)

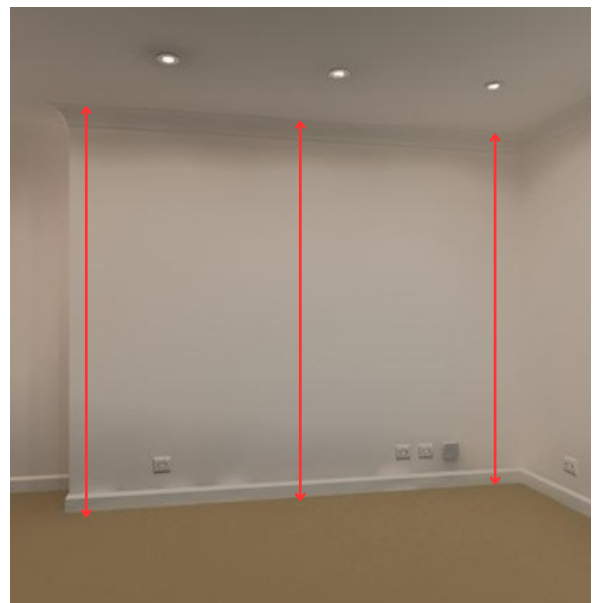
When building units of any type, always build to the:

- narrowest point of the wall.
- lowest point of the ceiling.



Picture 1

Picture 2



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Always measure:

- to the outside of the architrave when measuring door widths (picture 3).
- to the edge of the architrave when measuring between a wall and a door (picture 4).
- between socket boxes and the height from the floor (picture 5).

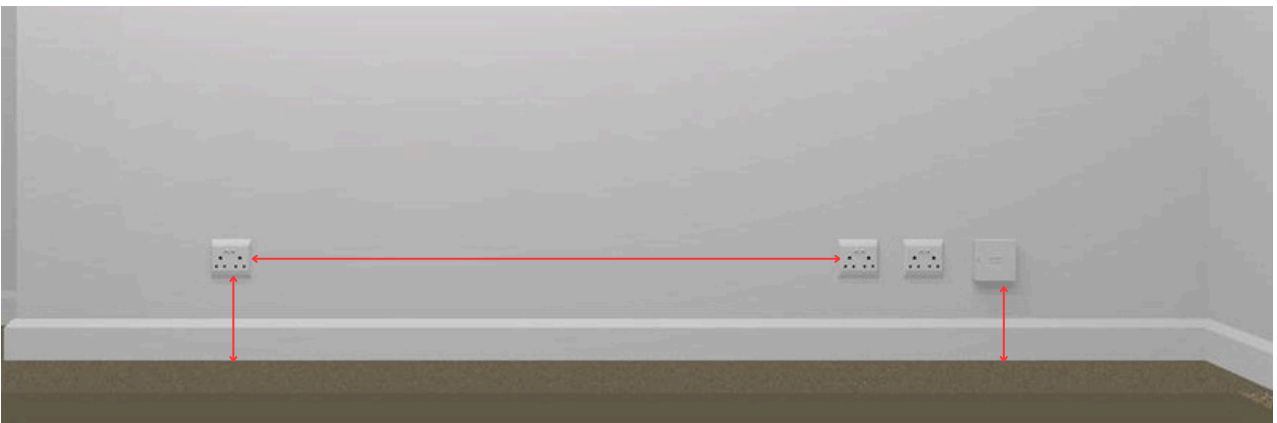
Picture 3



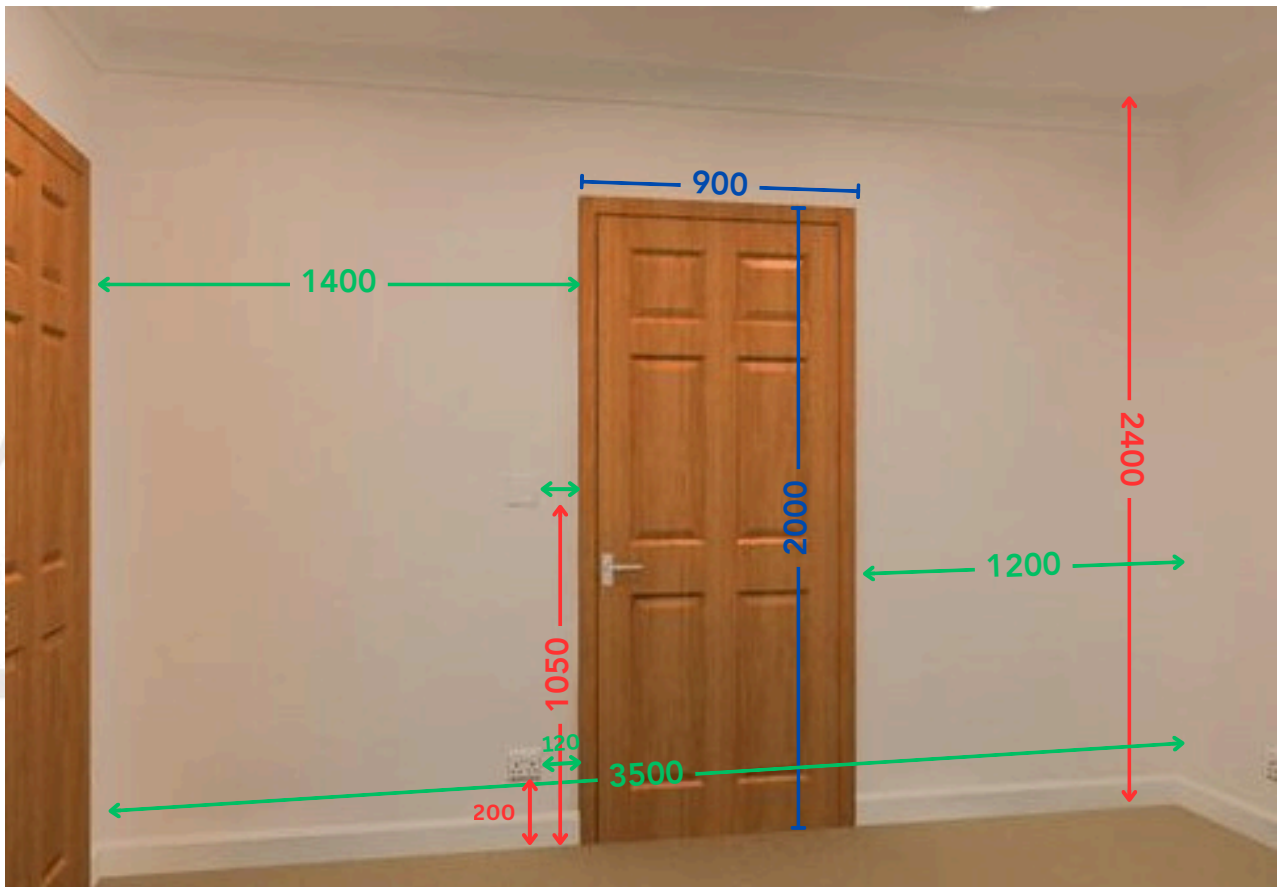
Picture 4



Picture 5



Wall 1



1 - Floor to ceiling height, include the skirting and coving. The easiest way to do this is to measure the door height and then the gap between the ceiling and the architrave on top of the door.

2 - Measure from the left wall to the architrave on the left side of the door.

3 - Measure the door, from architrave to architrave.

4 - Measure from the right side of the door to the right wall.

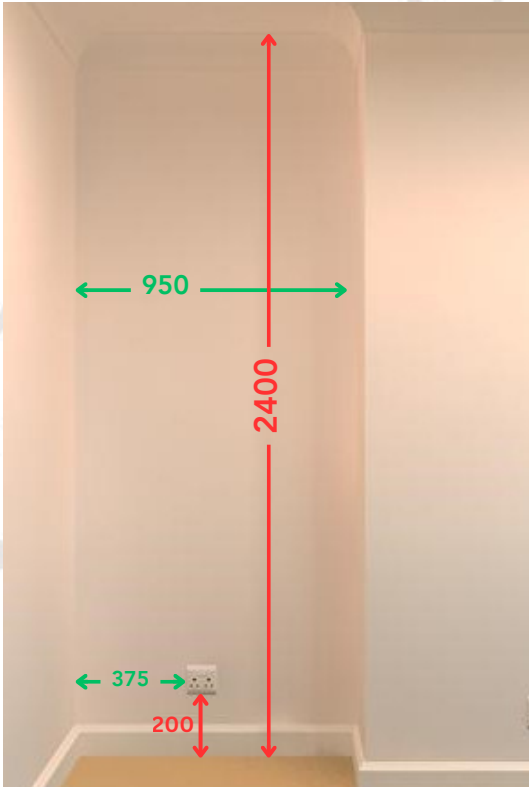
5 - Measure up from the floor to the bottom of the electrical socket. You don't have to worry about the height as they are fairly standard.

6 - Measure up from the floor to the bottom of the light switch.

7 - Measure from the architrave on the door to the near side of the light switch and socket.

Wall 2 & 3

Wall 2



Wall 2

- 1 - Check the floor to ceiling height.
- 2 - Measure the width.
- 3 - Measure up from the floor to the bottom of the electrical socket.
- 4 - Measure from the left wall to the electrical socket.

Wall 3

- 1 - Check the floor to ceiling height.
- 2 - Measure the width.

Wall 3



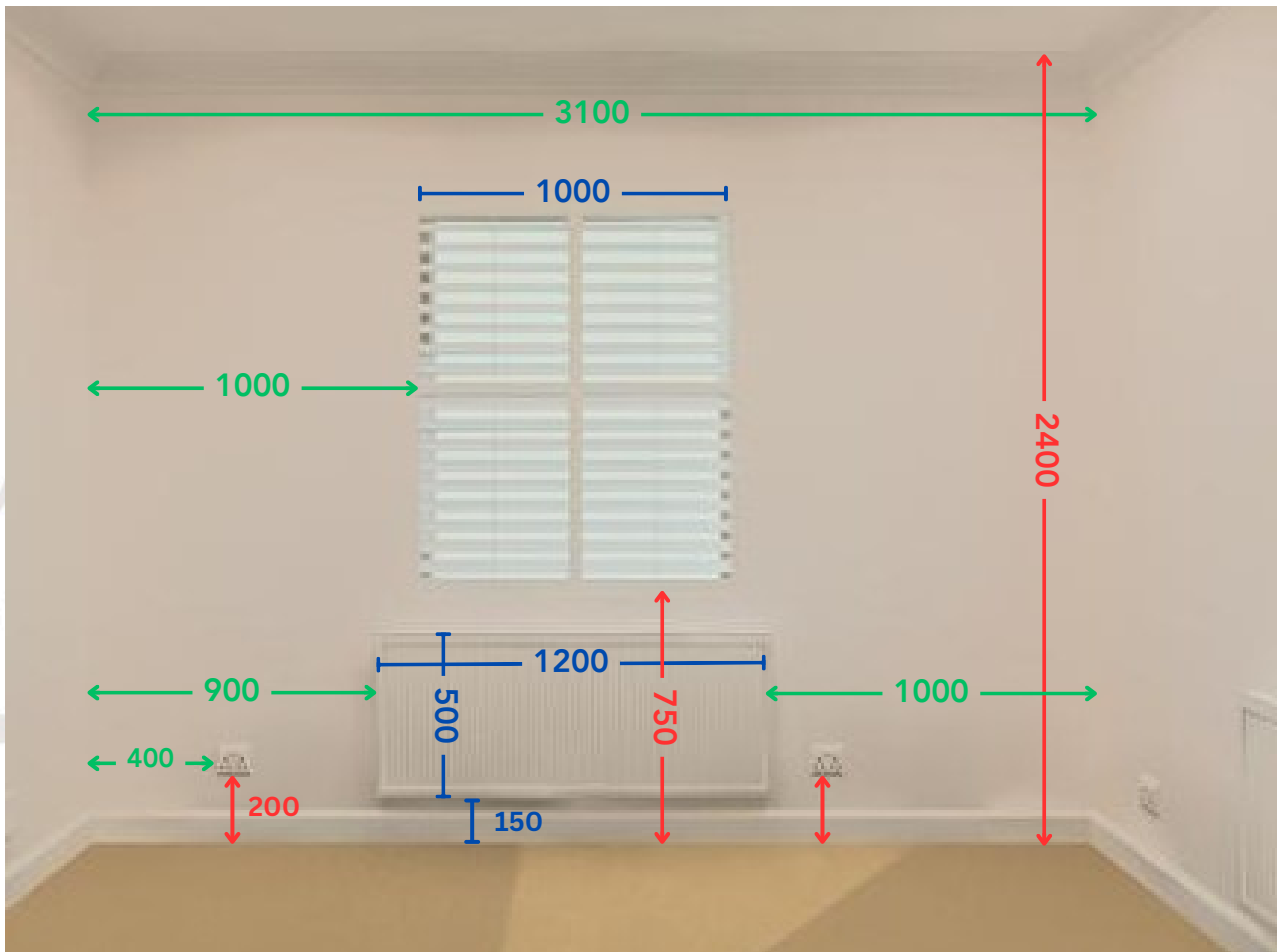
Wall 4



Wall 4

- 1 - Check the floor to ceiling height.
- 2 - Measure the wall width.
- 3 - Check the height of the sockets from the floor.
- 4 - Measure the distance between the left wall and the first socket.
- 5 - Measure from the right side of the first socket to the next.
- 6 - Measure the distance between the 2nd & 3rd socket box and the telephone/data entry box.

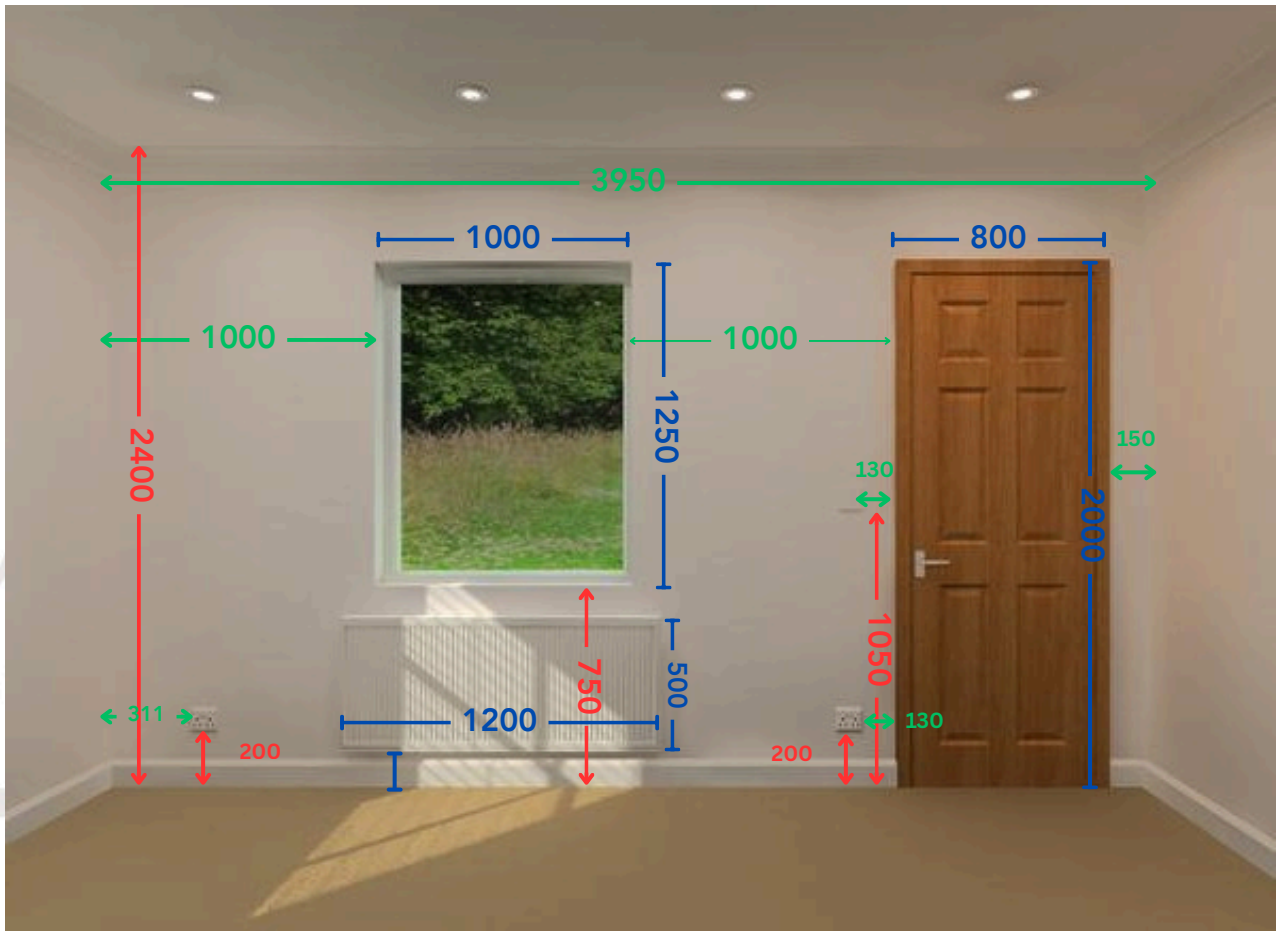
Wall 5



Wall 5

- 1 - Check the floor to ceiling height.
- 2 - Measure the width of the wall
- 3 - Check the height of the sockets from the floor
- 4 - Measure the distance between the left wall and the first socket. Measure the distance from the right wall to the socket.
- 5 - Measure from the left wall to the side of the radiator.
- 6 - Measure the height of the radiator from the floor, measure the height and width of the radiator.
- 7 - Measure the distance from the left wall to the side of the window.
- 8 - Measure the distance of the window from the floor. Measure the height and width of the window.

Wall 6

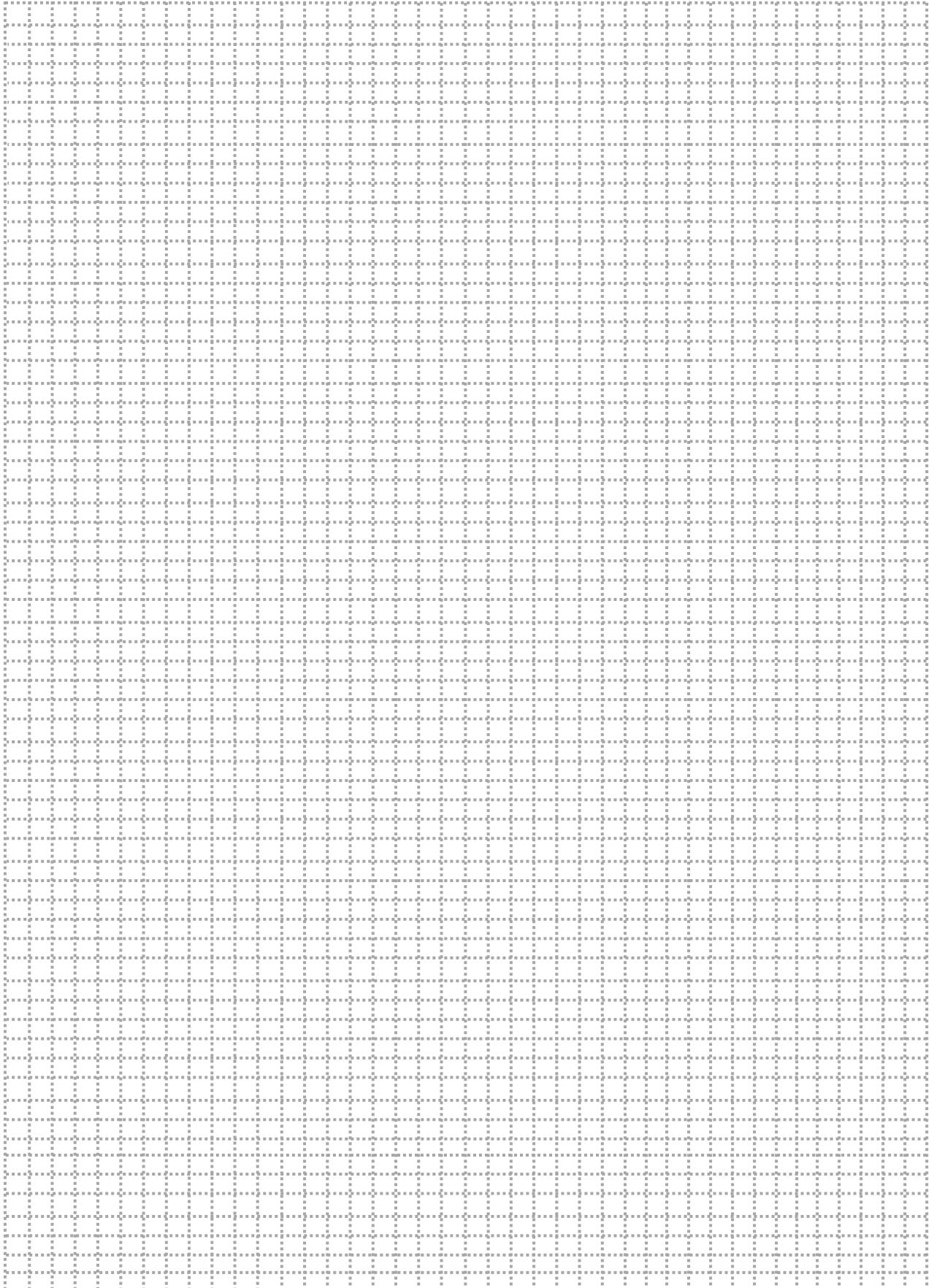


Wall 6

- 1 - Check the floor to ceiling height.
- 2 - Measure the width of the wall
- 3 - Measure the distance between the left wall and the first socket. Check the height of the sockets from the floor.
- 4 - Measure the distance from the door frame to socket and light switch. Measure to the bottom of the socket and light switch.
- 5 - Measure from the left wall to the side of the radiator.
- 6 - Measure the height of the radiator from the floor, measure the height and width of the radiator.
- 7 - Measure the distance from the left wall to the side of the window. Measure the distance of the window from the floor. Measure the height and width of the window.
- 8 - Measure from the right wall to the door frame/architrave. Measure the height and width of the door.

Draw your space

Use the grid below to do a basic drawing of the room that you want to change.





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