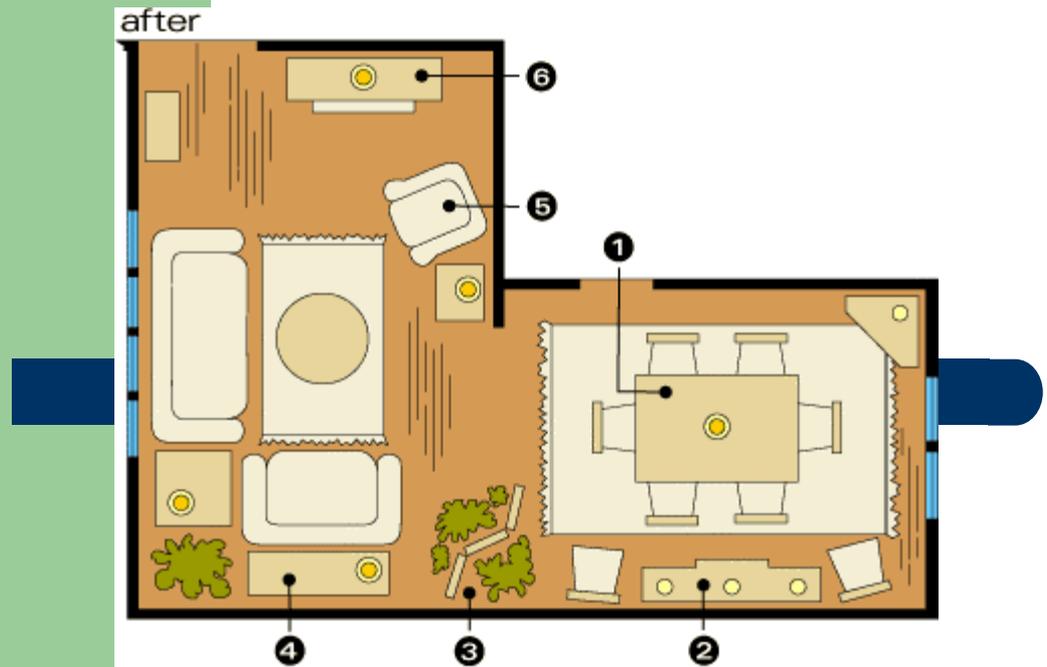


Furniture Arrangement



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- Activities that commonly take place in living areas:
 - Conversation, recreation, dining, entertaining, hobbies, relaxing
- The ideal diameter for the primary conversation area:
 - 8-12 feet
- Secondary furniture grouping:
 - Seating for 2-3 people, a piano, a desk or a chair for one person



Furniture Arrangement

- Minimum dining size for four people.
 - 80 square feet
- Space required to seat four to eight people and place a hutch and buffet in the room:
 - 180 square feet
- Activities that take place in family rooms:
 - Games, hobbies, tv viewing, dancing, active play
- Furniture to put in a family room:
 - Durable and easily-maintained furniture



Furniture Arrangement

- Three purposes of the sleeping/private areas of a home:
 - Sleeping, bathing, dressing
- Three types of space that should be provided for each person in a bedroom:
 - Sleeping, storage, dressing
- Space that should be left on each side of a bed:
 - 22 inches
 - Exception: Twin beds can be made from one side



Furniture Arrangement

- Recommended clearance space in front of a closet:
 - 33 inches
- Dressing circle:
 - 42 inches



Furniture Arrangement

- Function:
 - How a space will be used.
 - Dictates the selection and arrangement of furniture.
- How can you combine functions with furniture arrangement?
 - Living and dining areas can be combined.
 - Drop-leaf table can double as a sofa table.
 - Bedroom can serve as an office, dressing room, reading room, etc.
- Mechanical or architectural functions that must be considered when placing furniture:
 - Air circulation vents, doors, windows, electrical outlets, phone jacks, television cables or antenna lines, fireplaces, and stairs
- How to control flow of traffic:
 - Place furniture at key locations to direct traffic flow or restrict or redirect traffic.

Furniture Arrangement

- Create a feeling of balance in a room:
 - Opposite walls should lend visual weight
 - Furniture, doors, windows, and fireplaces should be balanced
 - Visual mass is more important than dimensions
 - Groupings should be balanced
 - Do not overcrowd the room with furniture
- Use furniture to emphasize a focal point:
 - Group furniture around a focal point
 - If the room lacks a focal point, use a piece of furniture as a focal point
- Groupings for seating arrangements:
 - Straight line, L-shaped, U-shaped, Box shaped, Parallel