

How to Survey Your Space

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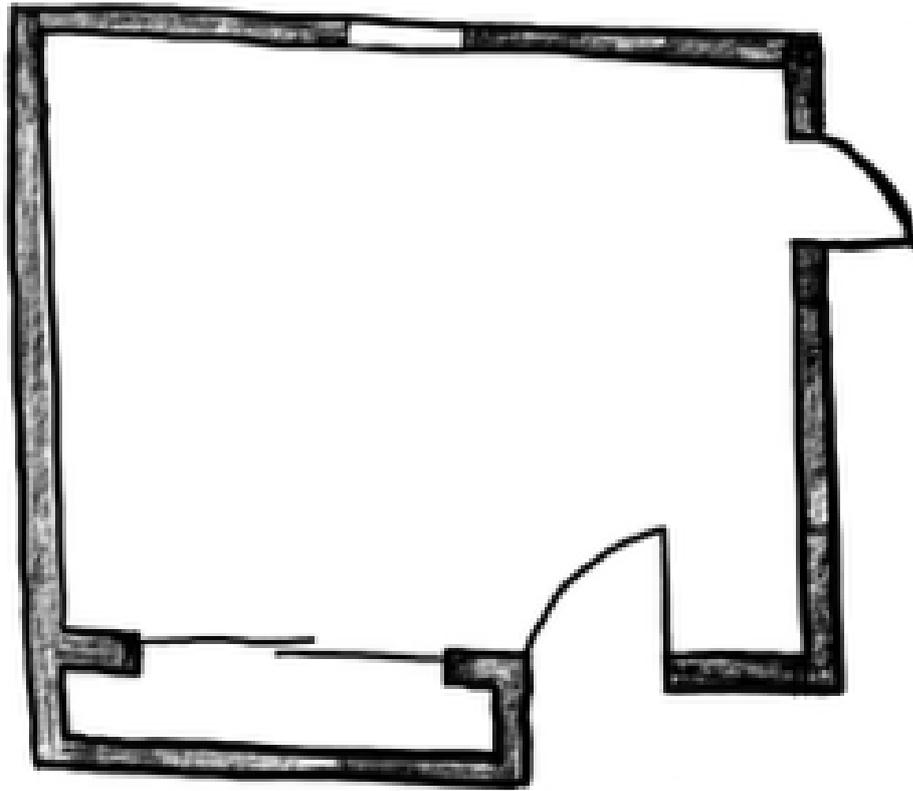
- Pencil
- Pens
- Paper
- Tape Measure
- Whiteout (Optional)
- iPad / Tablet (Optional)

Instructions

1. Begin by drawing a rough sketch of your room either on paper with pencil or on your iPad / tablet. It does NOT have to be to scale. Make sure to draw each wall, including all doors and windows. Also, draw any closets or pantries that might be in the room. Doors should be drawn showing which direction they swing, i.e. into the room, out of the room, left, or right. Windows can be shown as a rectangle in the wall.

Tip- Measure to the nearest fraction. The more precise your measurements, the more precise your finished plans will be.

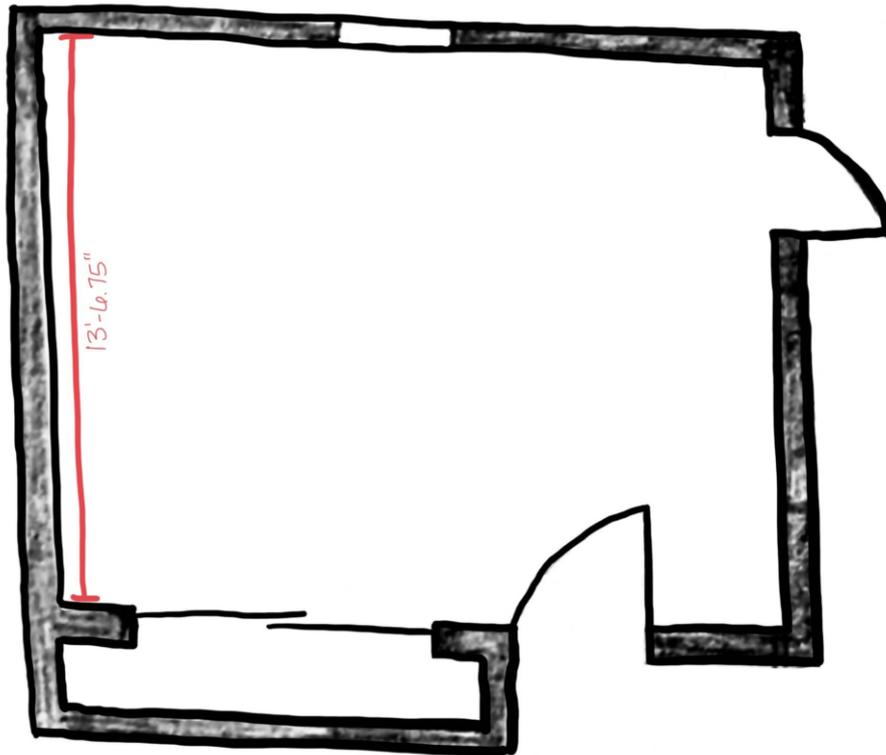
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2. Next measure from the edge of one wall to the other. Write the measurement on your drawing with the corresponding wall.

Tip- Use different colors to help distinguish between potentially crossing lines.

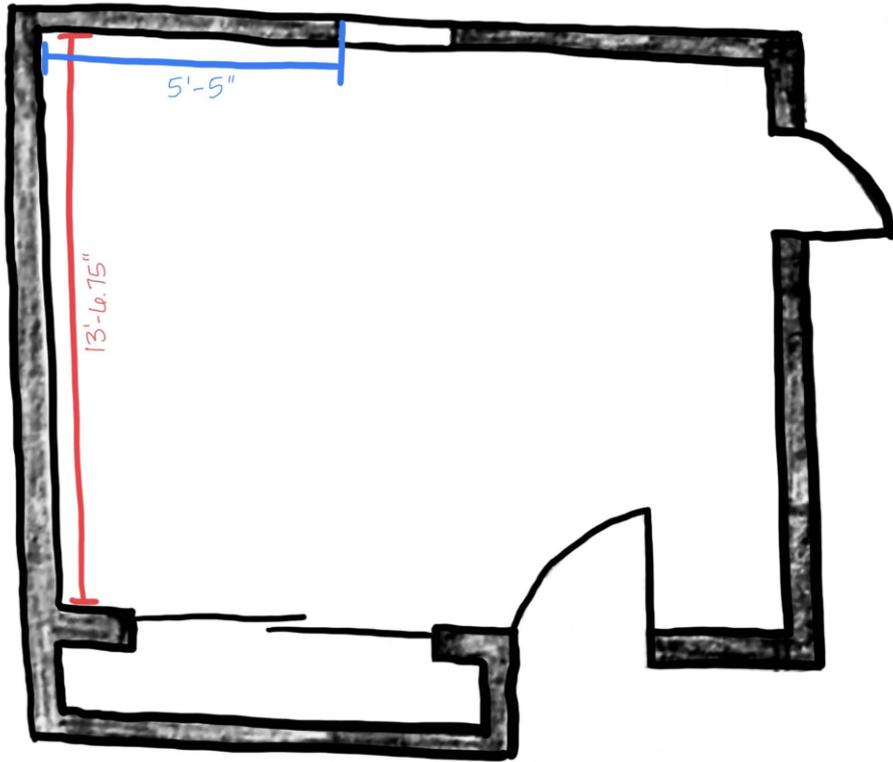
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3. Measure all walls that are unobstructed by doors or windows. Notate them on your drawing.

4. When measuring a wall with a window or door you will take multiple measurements. Start with the edge of the wall and measure to the inside framing of the door or window. Notate the measurement on your drawing.

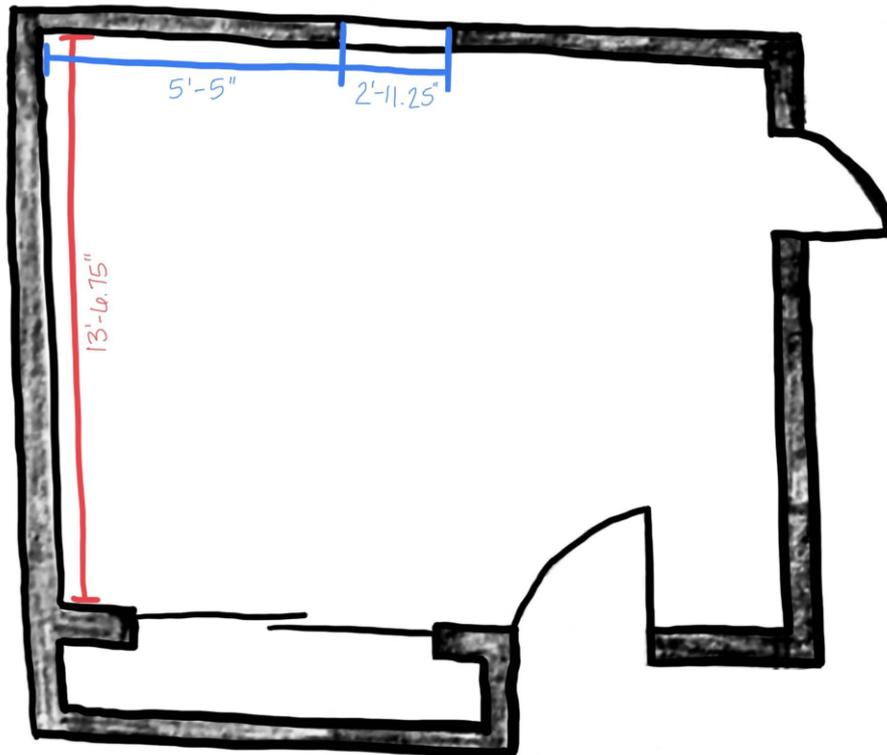
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5. Next, measure inside the frame of the window or door to the opposite inside frame.

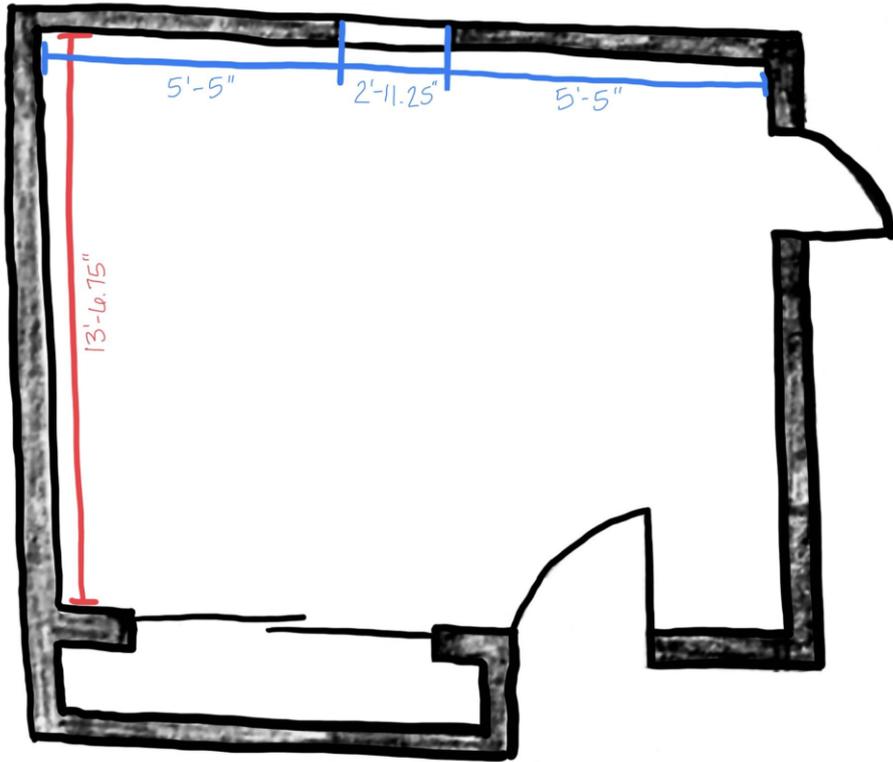
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6. Then, measure from the other side of the inside frame to the other wall edge. Notate the measurement on your drawing.

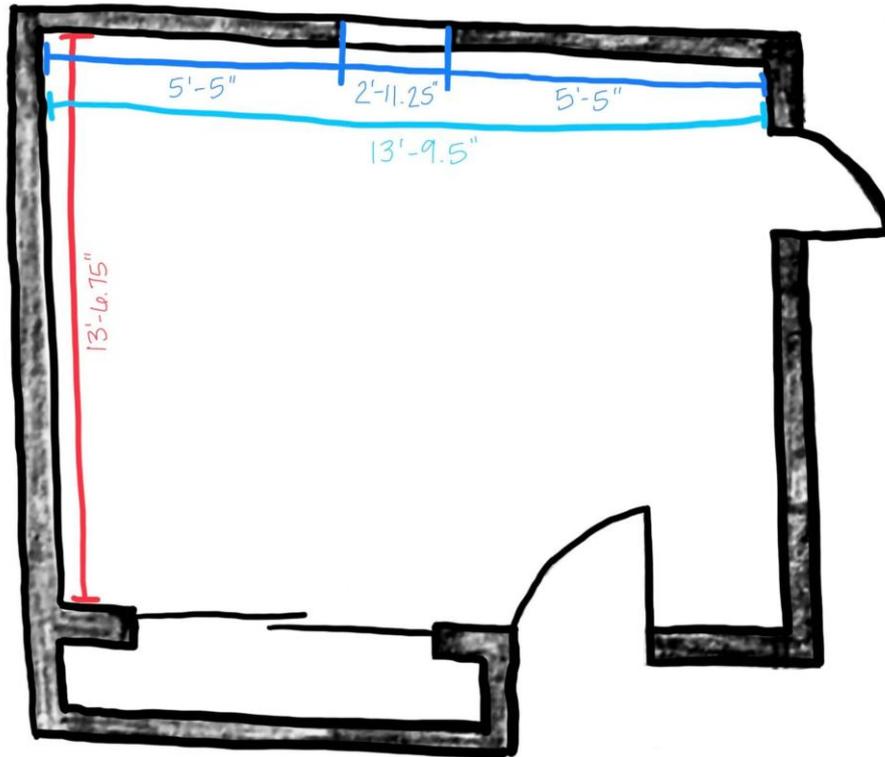
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7. Then measure the entire wall from edge to edge, skipping over the window or door.

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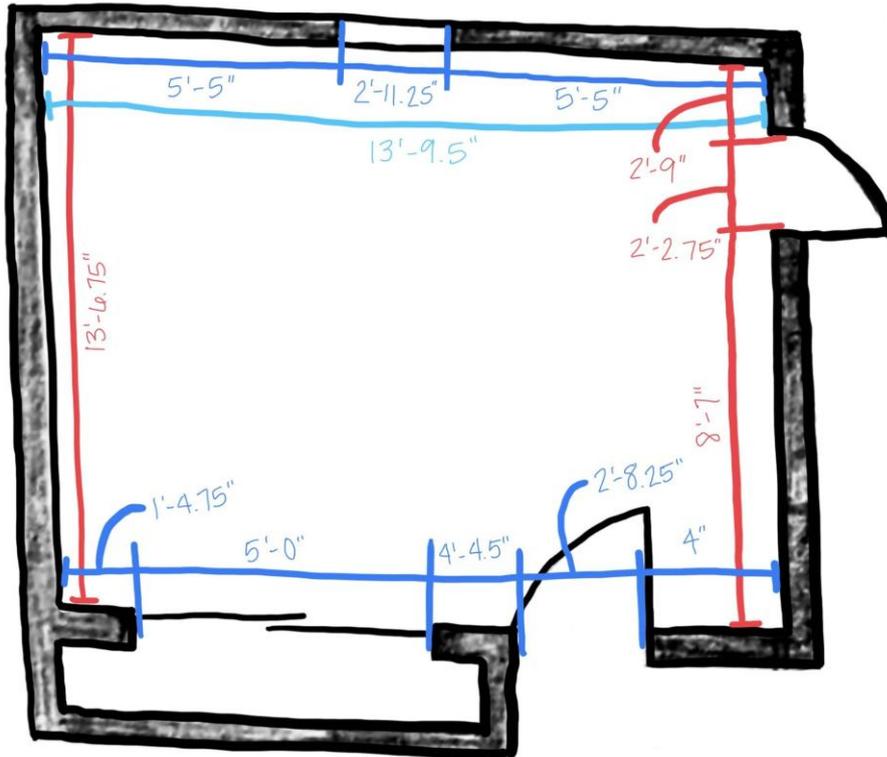
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8. Continue measuring walls with doors and windows until each wall, door, and window has been measured. Notate the measurements on your drawing.

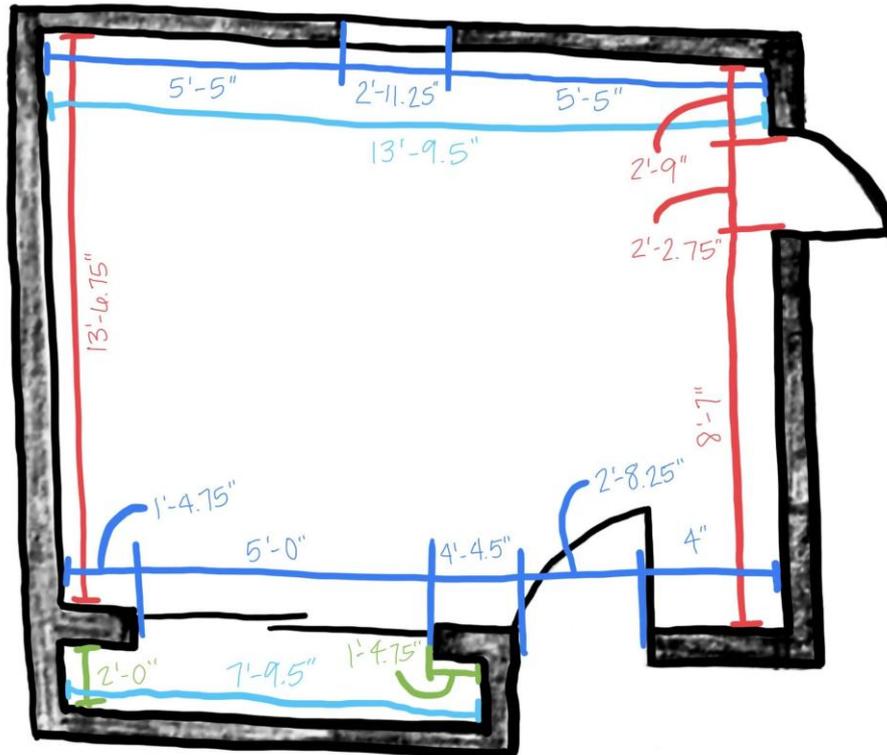
Tip- If a wall is parallel to another wall with the same dimension, you do not have to notate it.

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9. Next measure inside any closets or pantries you may have. Notate the measurements on your drawing.

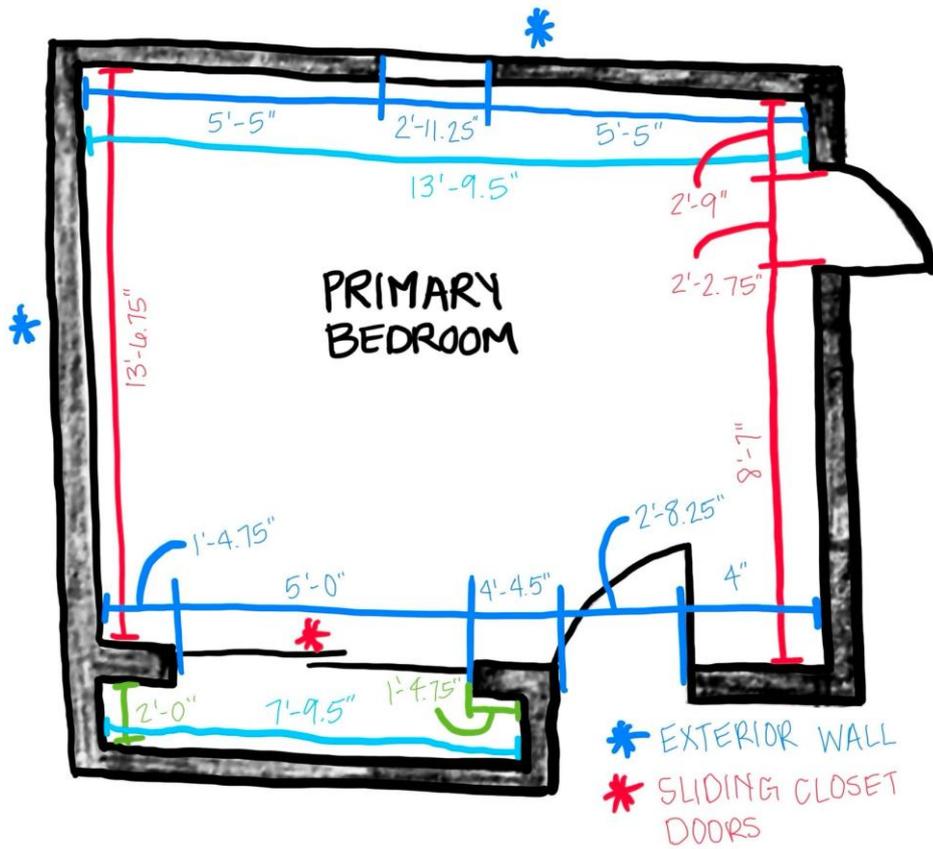
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10. If you are unsure if your drawing makes sense, you can always add notes. Also, don't forget to label your room.

Tip- If you don't have room for a note on your drawing, mark the general area with an asterisk or symbol and write the note somewhere else on the drawing where you have more room. If you have multiple notes, make sure to change colors or symbols for each note.

Your drawing will look something like this-



11. Congratulations! You just completed surveying your space. If you have any questions or weird areas you don't know how to measure, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask.