WORKSHEET 2

Space Needs Calculator

List your activities, assign each to a zone, and estimate square feet using the ranges in Chapter 2. Add your totals at the bottom.

ACTIVITY	ZONE	FURNITURE / GEAR NEEDED	EST. SQ FT	CAN IT SHARE SPACE? (Y/N)
Sleeping				
Cooking				
Eating				
Bathing / toilet				
Relaxing / TV / reading				
Work / computer				
Hobby 1:				
Hobby 2:				
Pets				
Guests				
Entry: coats, boots, keys				
Laundry				
Seasonal gear storage				

TOTALS	SQUARE FEET
A. Sum of all zones	
B. Minus overlaps I'm truly comfortable with	
C. Plus storage (about 10–15% of A–B)	
D. Plus walkways (about 10–20%; more for mobility needs)	
My target square footage (A − B + C + D)	
What could live outside the house? (porch, shed, studio)	

Reality check: an 8.5' × 24' house on wheels has very roughly 170–190 sq ft on the main floor. If your number is much bigger, consider a wider home, a foundation home, a small house, or an outbuilding.