

# Landscape Layout Worksheet



**By the end of this worksheet, you'll have:**

- ✓ A base diagram
- ✓ A functional diagram
- ✓ A preliminary design

**What you will need:**

- Ruler
- Paper (plain or graph)
- Pens
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Tracing paper (optional, if you can't make copies)
- Colored pencils/markers (optional)

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## Part 1: Base Diagram

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Things to include in your base drawing:

- Property lines
- North, East, South and West directions
- Outline of structures (house, shed, patio, porch)
- Driveways and sidewalks
- Any existing features (fence, pool, HVAC, well, retaining walls)
- Existing shrubs and trees
- Any underground cables, pipes, and septic tank
- Doors and windows on the house
- Notation of good and bad views, slopes, banks, and ditches
- Scale used (ex.  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch = 1 foot, 1 square = 5 feet)

Optional: Draw out your notes for reference. Label any slopes, sunny or shady areas, low areas, and anything else you want to note.

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## Part 2: Functional Diagram

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The functional diagram is drawn on a copy of your base diagram, or on a piece of tracing paper laid on top of the base diagram. Don't use your original base diagram from part 1 - you will need it later on!

**Step One:** Make a list and prioritize the functional areas you want to include in your landscape. Examples

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| • Patio                | • Entertainment area | • Edible plants            |
| • Service or work area | • Public area        | • Cutting garden           |
| • Play area            | • Entryway           | • Privacy or noise barrier |

**Step Two:** Draw general zones and shapes on your map of what each area will be. This step is also known as a "bubble" diagram.

**Step Three:** Make sure to assign a function to each area.

**FGT Pro Tip:** If you find yourself stuck, imagine yourself walking through your area and picture what you would like to see, referring back to your notes on Worksheet 2: Creating a Vision.

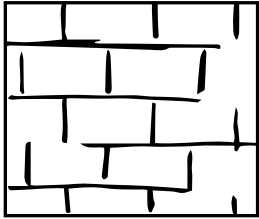
## Part 3: Preliminary Design

Again, make a copy of your base map or use tracing paper to draw basic features, filling in the “bubbles” from your functional diagram.

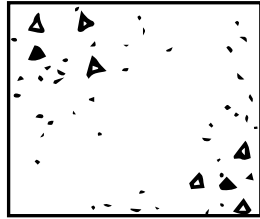
Don't focus on specific plant types just yet - keep it broad (ex. 'small evergreens' or 'yellow flowers').

*To help you get started, here are a few common symbols and textures you can use in your design:*

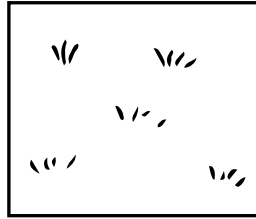
### Textures



Brick or tile



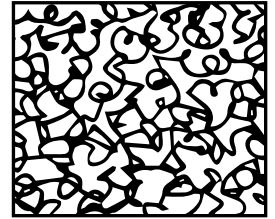
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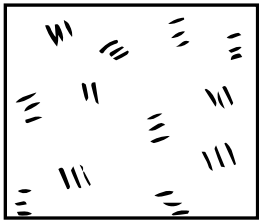
Grass



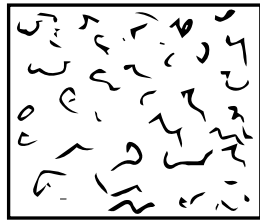
Gravel



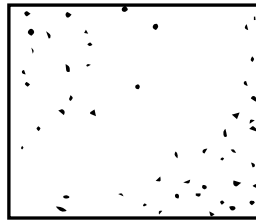
Groundcover



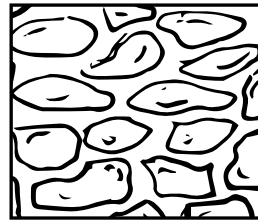
Mulch



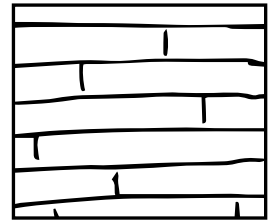
Rocks



Sand

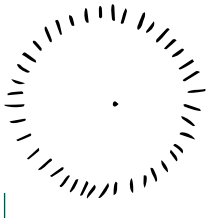


Stone

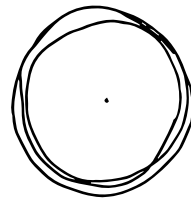
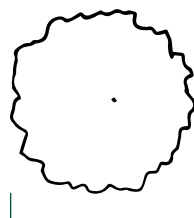
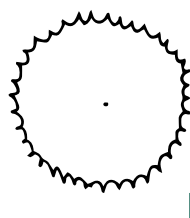


Wood

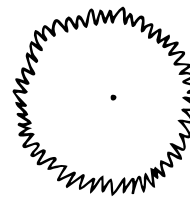
### Large Trees



Evergreen

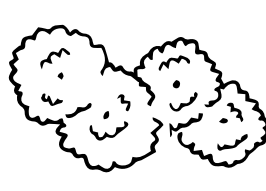
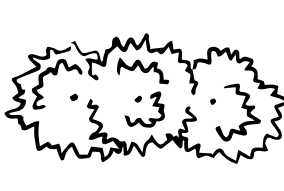
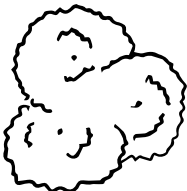


Deciduous



Tropical

### Shrubs



### Single Plants



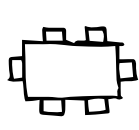
### Features



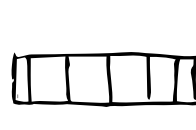
Pond



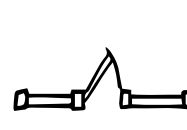
Chairs



Table



Pergola



Fence/gate



Boulder