

START HERE

Plan a room your cat can choose

Use this workbook before you move furniture or buy anything. Notice the routes, pauses, and practical work your room must support every day.

OBSERVE FIRST

PLAN IN ZONES

CHANGE ONE THING

01 ROOM SNAPSHOT

Room or corner: _____

Date: _____

Who uses this space?☐

One cat

☐

More than one cat

☐

People work or sleep here

The room feels:☐

Mostly quiet

☐

Busy at certain times

☐

Changeable

MARK BEFORE YOU PLACE☐

Doors and door swing

☐

Windows / secure screens

☐

Heating, vents, outlets

☐

Busy walking paths

☐

Furniture that must stay

THE ONE CLEAR ROUTE

Draw or describe the path your cat can use without squeezing past a door, chair, appliance, or another pet.

02 CHOOSE YOUR FIVE ZONES

**REST**

A quiet pause, with an easy way out.

**SCRATCH**

A stable surface near a place already visited.

**STORAGE**

Supplies close enough to use, outside the route.

**RESOURCES**

Food, water, and litter with sensible separation.

**ACTIVITY**

Clear floor for play and movement.

SKETCH IT OUT

A room plan that leaves room to move

This is a thinking sketch, not a measured drawing. Add the things that change the room during a normal day: doors open, chairs out, trays lifted, and people passing through.

03 ROOM SKETCH

Legend — door / route — existing item — planned zone

Sketch the room, then label:
entry / windows / people path / current furniture / proposed zones

North? _____

clear route

04 ZONE CHECK

- REST

Where could your cat pause without being in the busiest path?
- RESOURCES

Where will food, water, and litter stay practical to reach?
- SCRATCH

What stable surface fits a place your cat already visits?
- ACTIVITY

Where can play happen without loose cords or breakables?
- STORAGE

Where will the cleaning and play supplies live?

TRY AND REFINER

Notice what works next

A good room plan earns its place through use. Start with a small change, watch the room, and keep notes you can act on.

05 BEFORE YOU KEEP THE PLAN

- ☐ The route stays open when people use the room.
- ☐ A resting spot feels quiet and has an easy way out.
- ☐ The litter area is accessible and workable to clean.
- ☐ Food and water are placed apart from the litter area.
- ☐ Scratch and play options are stable and easy to start.
- ☐ Cords, breakables, plants, blind loops, and small gaps are considered.
- ☐ A second cat or a closing door cannot easily block the only route.

06 OBSERVATION NOTES

What did your cat choose?

What felt awkward for people?

What will you change first?

NEXT SMALL STEP

One change I can make this week:

READ NEXT

Cat Room Ideas

Plan zones and clear routes.

Small Cat Room Ideas

Make a shared corner work.

Litter Box Ideas

Keep access and cleaning practical.

Hidden Litter Box Ideas

Compare entry, air, and maintenance.

Keep what helps. Move what blocks. A room can become more cat-friendly one useful corner at a time.

SOURCES

Cats Protection: cat-friendly home

Indoor cats and home environment