



LANDSCAPE CUTOUT KIT

Printable space planning pieces and test plan

by YardKit

Welcome to Your Cutout Kit!

Buying furniture that doesn't fit, building a gazebo that takes up the entire yard, not knowing where to start with a blank slate... most homeowners find it challenging to have a clear idea of what goes where in outdoor spaces. This Cutout Kit was created to **explore the possibilities for your property** through a fun, family-friendly activity.

Here at YardKit, we like to think of outdoor spaces as an extension of your home's livable area. We're a **team of landscape architects and designers** who make resources that enable homeowners to simplify landscape renovations — without paying \$4,000+ in design fees.

With new amenities and features to bring

everyone outdoors, coupled with beautiful plants and materials that match your style, your yard can become your home's greatest asset.

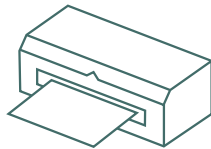
Before investing in costly construction projects or lugging around bulky outdoor furniture, use this fun Cutout Kit to see what fits best and where. Invite the family to lay out new furniture, play features, storage solutions, and garden elements. We compiled the most popular outdoor amenities to let you explore possibilities for patios, deck areas, back yard spaces, front porches, or across your entire property.

Making better design choices more efficient — that's what YardKit is all about.

How to Use It

Step 1

Print out the yard pieces and grid test plan page (be sure your printer is set to 100% scale).



Step 2

Draw an approximate outline of the area of your property you'd like to change on your grid test plan page. Feel free to print more for various spaces.



Step 3

Cut out the yard pieces and arrange on the grid test plan. Invite the family to join in!



Step 4

Visualizing changes is easier when you can see the space. Try using string or painter's tape to outline the new additions in your yard, using their real dimensions.



Step 5

Take a picture or tape down pieces to remember what goes where when starting renovation projects.

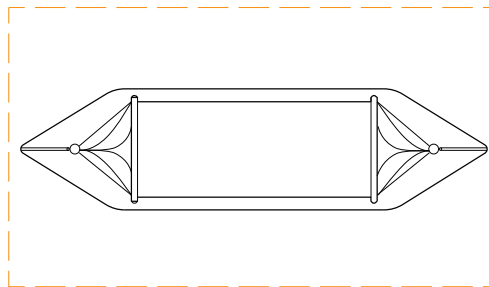


The Amenities

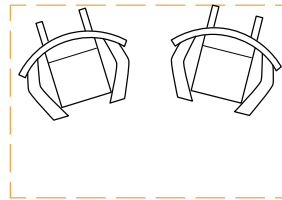
Most popular. These aren't to scale, but the ones in your 11x17 cutout are. To the left of each item, you'll find a silhouette icon illustrating that amenity from the side view, with a brief text description. Symbols on the right-hand side show the amenity in plan view as though looking down on the element from above. Dashed line is space to move around. Pull out chairs, room for knees, walk around, etc.

1 / FURNITURE FOR LOUNGING

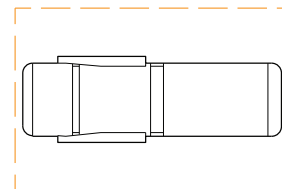
Add furniture and fixtures that extend your livable area to enjoying time outside.



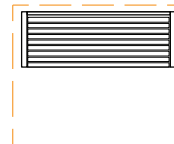
Typically 13'-15' long,
leave 24" - 36" on sides



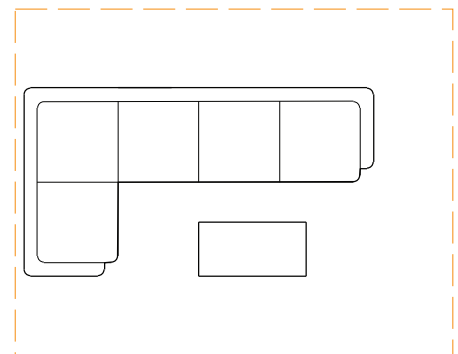
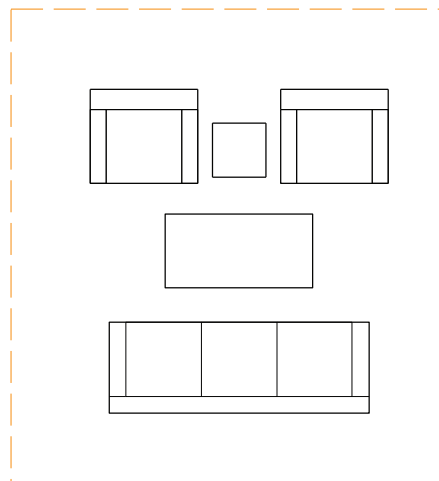
Leave 36" - 48" in front
of chair



Around 7' long x 2' wide,
leave 24" on either side



~18" wide and 4', 6', or 8'
long; Leave 36" in front



^ ~10' x 6', plus 36" space

< ~9' x 9', plus leave 36"
behind furniture pieces

2 / COOKING AND DINING

Add furniture and fixtures that extend your livable area, giving your friends and family opportunities for enjoying time outside.



4-PERSON TABLE

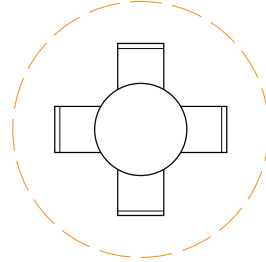


Table is ~36", leave 48" for each chair



PICNIC TABLE

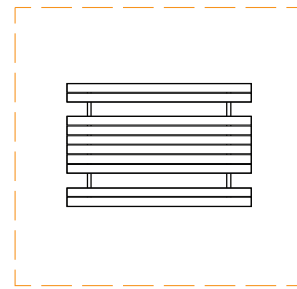


Table is 6' x 4', leave 4' behind each bench



FARM TABLE

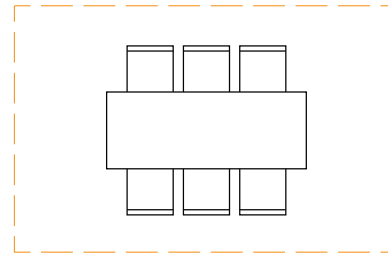
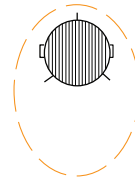
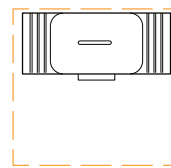


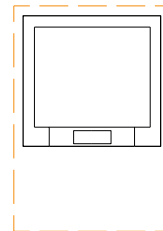
Table is ~8' x 3', leave 48" for each chair



FREESTANDING BBQ



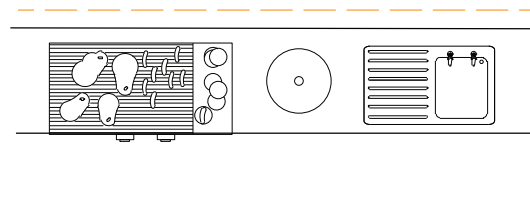
PIZZA OVEN



Leave 24" - 36" in front of outdoor cooking features

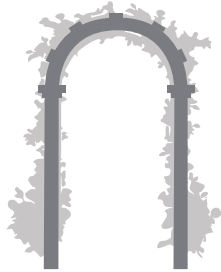


OUTDOOR KITCHEN

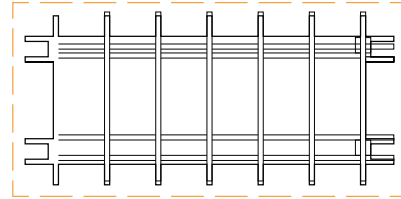


3 / SHADE AND STORAGE STRUCTURES

Garden accents and structures will add incredible spaces to enjoy (and resale value to your home). Placing accents at the edges of linear spaces extends an invitation outside, while elements that showcase your personality placed around the garden will enhance views.



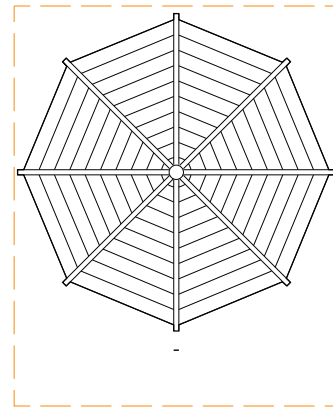
TRELLIS OR ARBOR



Sizes vary



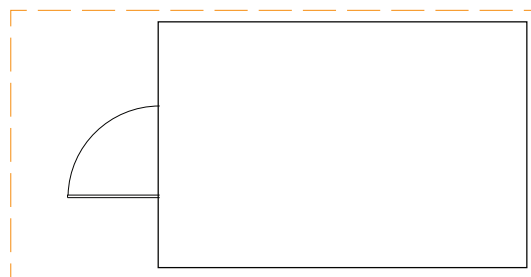
GAZEBO



Structures average 10' across; leave 36" near access points



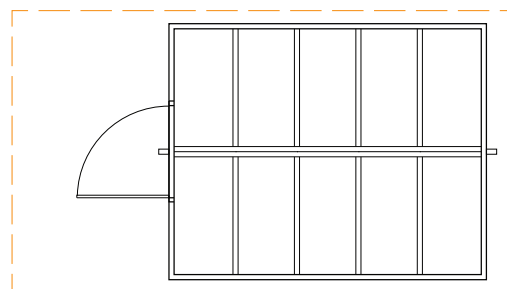
STORAGE SHED



8' x 12' shown here; leave 48" in front of doorways



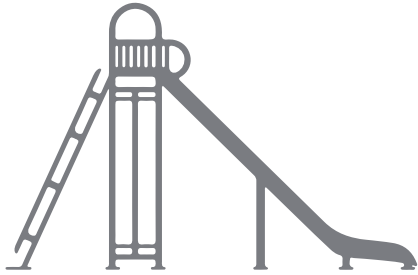
GREENHOUSE



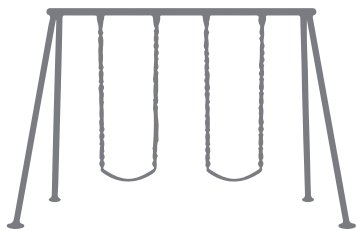
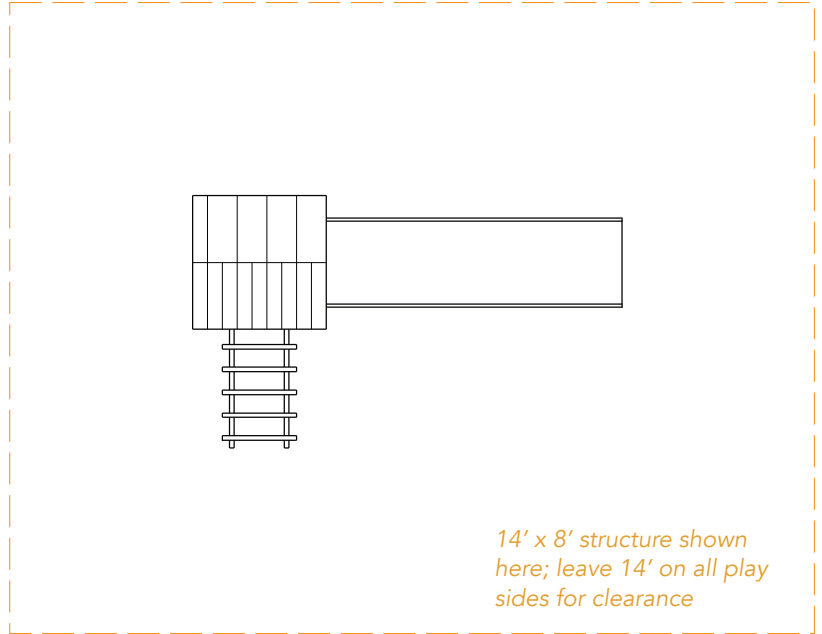
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4 / OUTDOOR PLAY

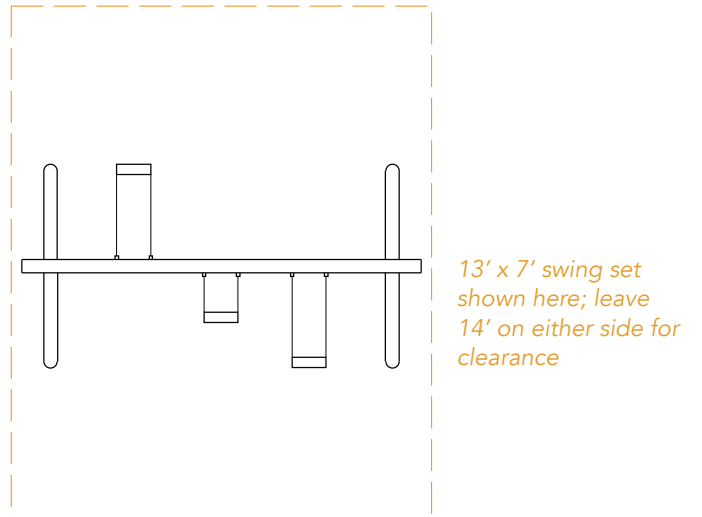
Whether for kids, pets, or the young-at-heart, space to run and play is what the great outdoors is all about.



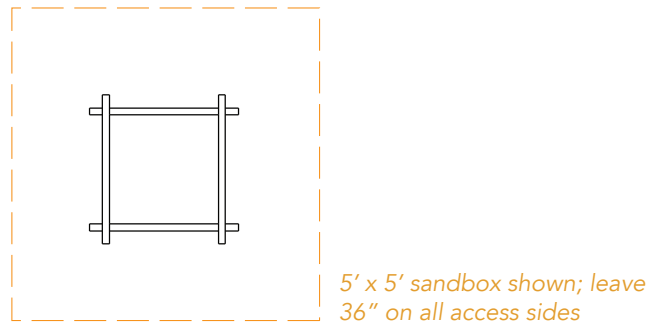
PLAY STRUCTURE



SWING SET

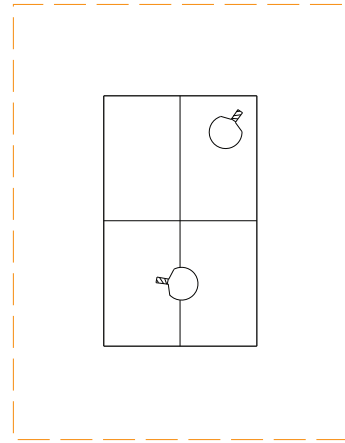


SANDBOX





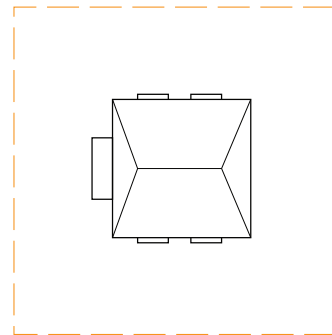
PING PONG TABLE



5' x 8'; leave 36" on all sides for play



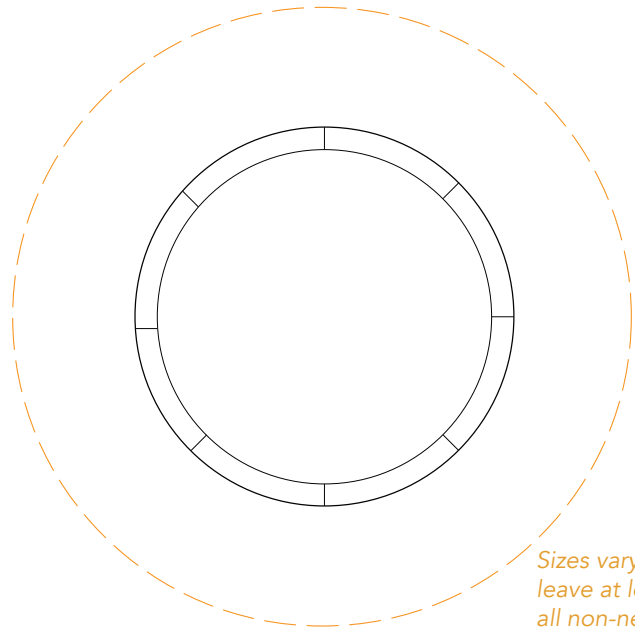
PLAYHOUSE



5' x 5' playhouse shown; leave 36" for door access and on all play sides



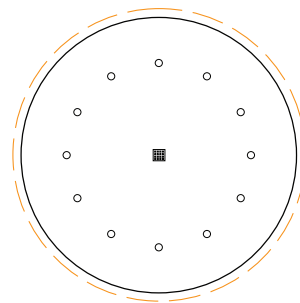
TRAMPOLINE



Sizes vary, though leave at least 48" on all non-netted sides



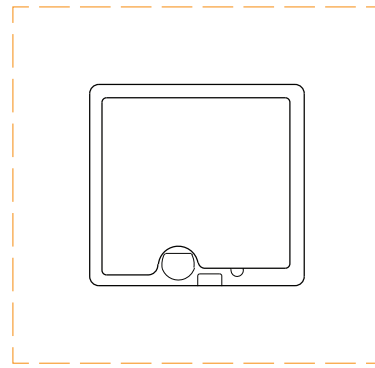
SPLASH PAD



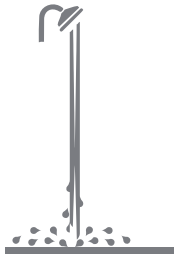
9' circle shown here



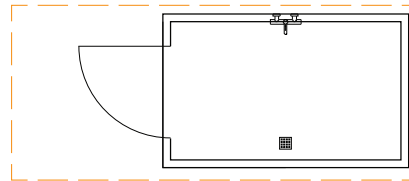
JACUZZI



6.5' x 6.5' shown here; leave 24" on all access sides



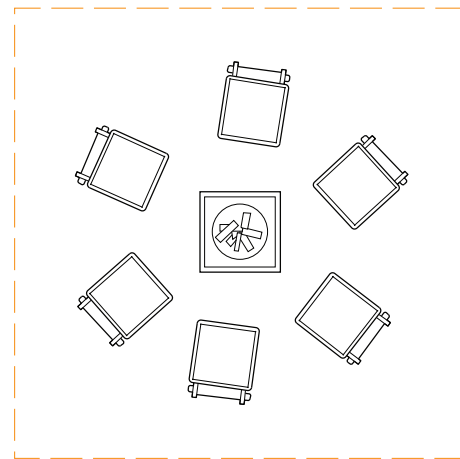
OUTDOOR SHOWER



5' x 8' shown here; leave 48" in front of access point



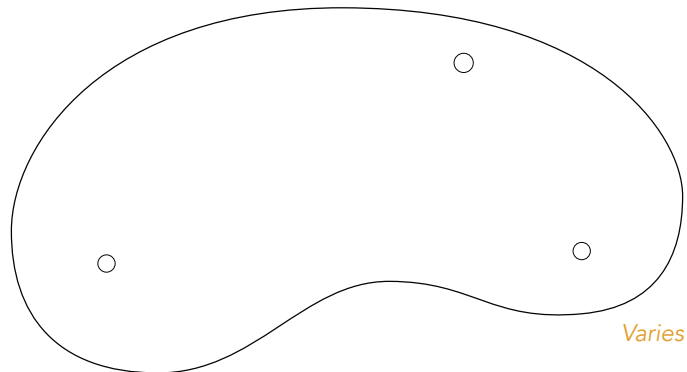
FIRE PIT WITH CHAIRS



12' x 12' shown here; fixtures are typically ~3'; leave 10'- 15' clearance from all overhangs



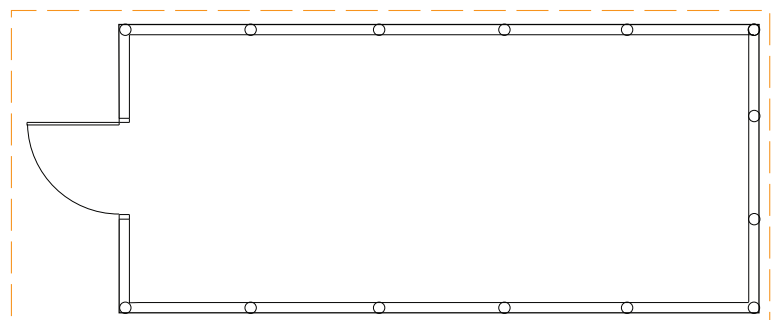
PUTTING GREEN



Varies



DOG RUN



12' x 8' shown here; leave 36" in front of gate

What This Is

See 11x17 cutout pages.

These symbols are ready to cut out — they're drawn to scale so they can be moved around on your grid plan page. Move them around until you find a layout you like, ensuring that your favorite features will fit within your outdoor space.

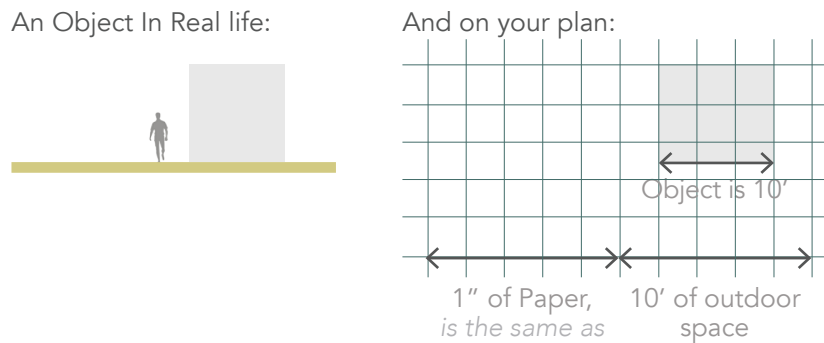
Explore the range of possibilities for your outdoor space. Whether you're planning a major overhaul or simply looking for fresh ways to enliven your property, these pages will spark your imagination with popular options for using your exterior spaces more thoroughly.

To have a realistic idea of what will fit properly in your space,

If you're really looking for accuracy, you may want to use an engineer's scale to draw your plan to scale. The numbers represent how many feet are in an inch, meaning that the small lines in between the whole numbers represent individual feet.

Try using the "10" side of the scale — one inch of paper will represent 10 feet of real space:

1 ruler tick = 1 big blue box on paper = 1' of your yard



About YardKit

YardKit is a team of landscape architects who were transformed by an epiphany: our services were simply too expensive, confusing, and out of reach for the average homeowner. This felt wrong.

We all deserve beautiful, enjoyable outdoor spaces, so we've reinvented landscape design from the ground up. We started with a simple question: *How can I improve my landscape, easily and affordably, to match the way I live now?*

YardKit offers a proven process for creating a personalized design plan across an entire property, finding opportunities for a more cohesive landscape, adding new amenities for outdoor living, and avoiding

costly mistakes. We help homeowners **successfully plan property improvements** without any previous landscaping or design experience.

Whether you're a weekend warrior for home improvements, or want the support of a professional designer digitally, we have a YardKit for you.

YardKit was started to make landscape renovations easier and more affordable for homeowners, and to help bring beautiful outdoor spaces to everyone's home.

Meet the YardKit Founder



Janice Nicol, YardKit's CEO, was having dinner with friends when one asked if she knew of anyone to help transform his new front yard.

This wasn't the first time — in fact, she was asked this nearly every time she shared that she was a landscape architect. With the drought in California encouraging lower water use, and the home buying market picking up, many friends were looking to make a change.

Because she was designing big urban spaces like campuses and parks in San Francisco, Janice learned quickly how challenging it can be to navigate home renovations. Finding a designer is a difficult and time-consuming process, and you don't always know who to trust in the world of contractors.

Balancing design, usability, and ecologies in landscapes is complicated. The process to get there shouldn't be.