Tools to Use: Designing Your Indoor School Age Environment

These tools can help you arrange and rearrange your room or program space—all without breaking a sweat. (Remember that website URLs can change at any time. If you cannot find a site, please search for the company or organization.)

Classroom Architect:

http://classroom.4teachers.org/

This website provides a blank floor plan and furniture templates that you can use to outline your classrooms online. You decide what furniture to put in the room and you decide where it goes. The furniture tools are simple geometric shapes, but they can provide you with an easy-to-use glimpse of how your classroom could be laid out. You can use this site to design and redesign your space before you move any real furniture.

Community Playthings Sample Classrooms:

http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/RoomPlanning/SampleClassrooms/index.html

This website provides a three-dimensional view of sample classrooms. The designs are based on materials sold by this company, but their sample classrooms can provide you with good ideas about how to organize your space with traditional furniture for young children.

Lakeshore Learning Classroom Designer:


This website lets you design your classroom from scratch. It is a nice tool to help you decide where furniture and materials will fit in your classroom. You can choose to view from existing classroom features or items available from this company.

Kaplan Early Learning Company Classroom Floor Planner:

http://www.kaplanco.com/resources/floorPlannerIndex.asp

This interactive tool lets you decide whether you want to build your classroom design from a blank template or begin with an example classroom. You can customize the floor plan and dimensions to match your classroom.