

Make a Floor Plan

Make a floor plan IF you don't have one

It can be super handy to have a floor plan when it comes time to order paint, make a repair, or to map out the circuit panel (the electrician for our house had circuits going through halls and rooms and indoors and outdoors.... see how we handled this in the upcoming circuit panel task).

If you do not have a floor plan, I have a few solutions.

There are a few apps now that can help!

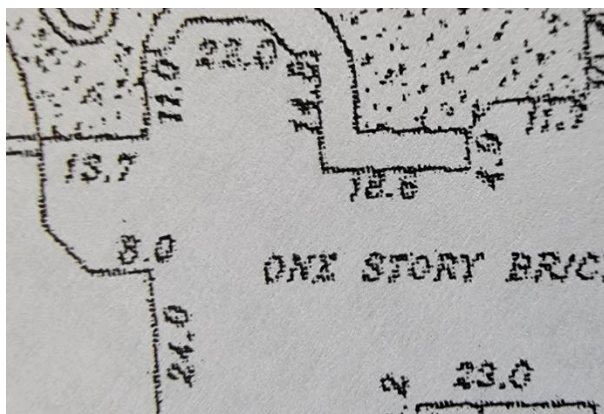
[CubiCasa](#)

CubiCasa allows you to scan your house using an app. To use it, you walk slowly through the house, filming the baseboards. The resulting film is then sent to Cubicasa for AI processing. A human then reviews and finalizes it, returning it to you within 24 hours. The first scan is free. Note, the measurements are estimates but for most homeowners, this is good enough to order paint or plan out the circuit panel. It is usually a 24-hour turnaround to receive your floor plan.

[Magic Plan](#)

It is a little more complicated but also more flexible. Especially awesome if you have a laser measuring tool.

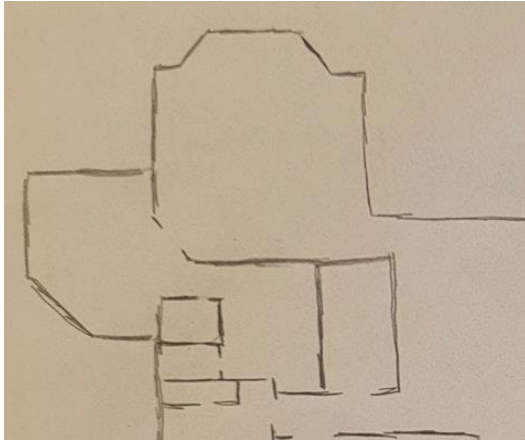
[A Lower Tech Solution](#)



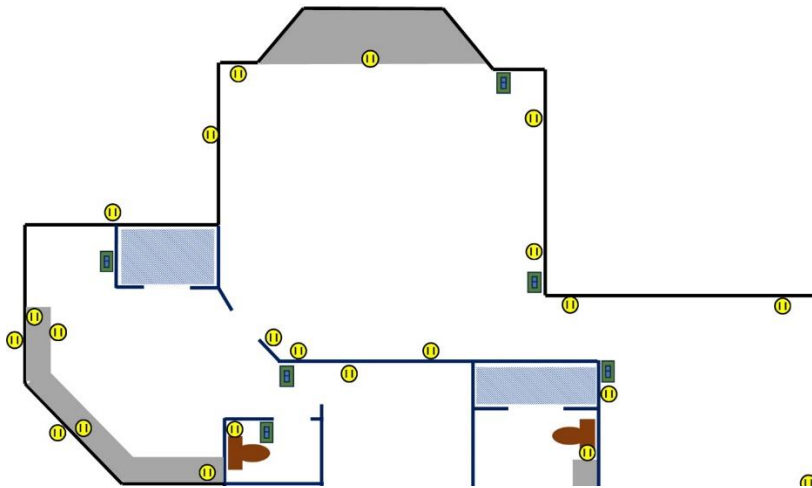
It's not perfect, but it works (we did this before I knew such apps existed!).

Find the property survey for your house. Scan that picture into a program like PowerPoint or Canva. Then trace the lines of the picture by clicking Insert, then choosing a thick line. Arrange multiple lines over the outline of the survey until you have covered them all with inserted lines. When you have the outline done, delete the picture underneath and group all the lines together. Print.

Now, on that printout, roughly draw the interior walls of your house.



Then scan the resulting drawing back into PowerPoint or Canva. Repeat above directions, tracing your lines by clicking Insert, and choosing thick lines.



You can insert different shapes to show countertops, toilets, etc. We used yellow circles to indicate where plugs are and green rectangles to indicate where light switches are. (Our house has a crazy number of plugs for some reason). You can also add measurements.

This can come in handy when mapping the circuits in your house or collecting measurements for future remodeling, painting, and planning projects.