



## 03 Illustrate the Traffic Flow

Designing a room layout is an important task that requires careful consideration of several factors. One crucial aspect to consider is the flow of people walking through the space. To achieve this, it's essential to create a visual representation of the shortest paths from door to door by drawing arrows on the floor plan. If you have multiple doorways, be sure to mark each path clearly to prevent confusion.

Creating a clear pathway is essential to ensure easy movement through the room. This is particularly important when arranging the furniture later on. By taking the time to plan the layout of the room with the flow of people in mind, you can create a more functional and comfortable space for everyone who uses it. Additionally, it can help to avoid any potential accidents or trip hazards.

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- ✓ If there are two doors to the room, imagine a straight line connecting the two entrances. This line should be straight and run through the center of the room, regardless of any existing furniture. If the two doors are on the same wall, imagine the line running parallel to that wall, from door to door. This imaginary line can be useful for creating a clear flow of movement through the room, and can help with furniture placement and overall design.
- ✓ If there are more than two doors, like an entrance, a closet and a bathroom door, refer to your Traffic Flow Identifier pages and draw another straight black arrow from the room entrance that is a primary path taken on a daily basis. This will help to indicate the most common routes through the space.
- ✓ However, if the path to the other doorway is not a primary path, then it's best to draw a thin black arrow instead of a thick black arrow. This will still indicate a path, but one that isn't often used. By doing this you can help to ensure that the room is organized in a way that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

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*With copies of your room diagram in hand, we will move forward to the next module to consider the function or uses of the space. This will ensure that the room is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also practical and functional. Once you have a clear understanding of the functions of the room, you can begin to consider the furniture and layout options that best fit the available space. By carefully analyzing the function of the room, you can create a layout that not only looks great, but also serves its intended purpose.*

