

HOUSE OF THREE
INTERIORS

HOW TO MEASURE A ROOM

A detailed guide



Whether you are completely renovating your house or just working with us on a new furniture layout, accurate measurements of your room are basics we cannot start without.

As there are specific considerations involved, we created this document to help you out, and enable you to measure your room correctly, including all of those tricky bits.

Once you have taken pictures of your room, we advise roughly sketching out your floor plan before you start taking accurate measurements. The floor plan doesn't have to be perfect nor to the scale – the importance lies in the measurements! As the floorplan will be used for noting down your measurements, please do try to include elements such as doors, windows, bay windows, alcoves and fireplaces if relevant, as well as any additional architectural features such as structural pillars.

We've attached an example floor plan that you can print out and use if easier, as long as you make sure to add/subtract relevant features.

Simply skip any of the steps if you don't think they apply to you.

MEASURING THE BASICS

The basic method of measuring a space is to measure the width and the length of the room. Most rooms have four walls, unless it's an obscurely shaped room, in which case you may have a bit more to measure. We are at this point only taking basic measurements of the main area, so ignore any bay windows, alcoves and similar features for now.

As we can only work with the measurements you send to us, please make sure they are as accurate as possible.



STEP 1: THE LENGTH (THE LONGEST DIMENSION)

As your wall might not always be completely straight, we would like you to measure it at 3 points



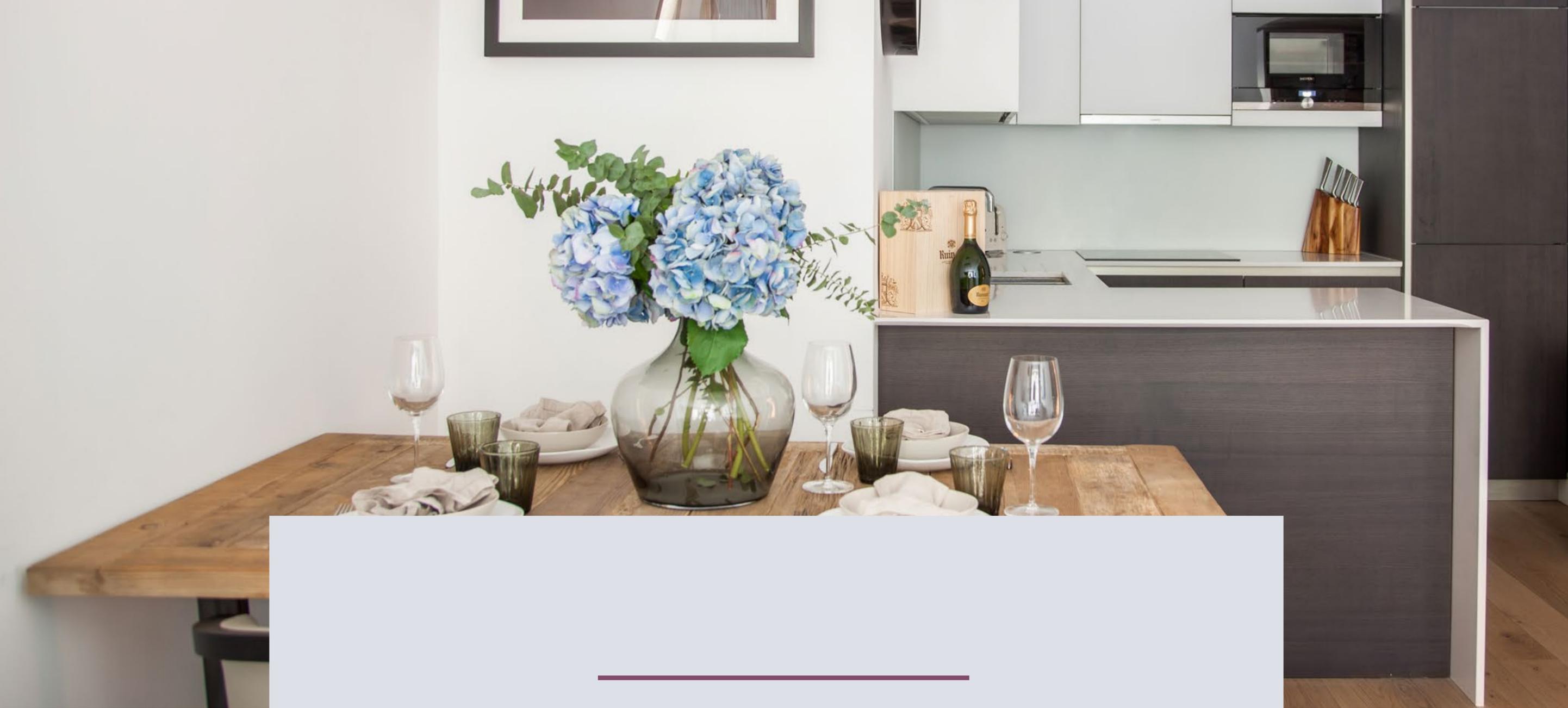
- Measure the length of the room from wall to wall at one end of the room.
- Similarly, measure the length of the room from wall to wall at roughly the centre of the room.
- Measure the length of the room from wall to wall at the other end of the room.*
- Then measure the length of the room from the inside of the skirting board to inside of the skirting board on the opposite wall, again at all three points.

* Note: this will include the skirting board depth if you have them in the room





Sketch Diagram Step 1

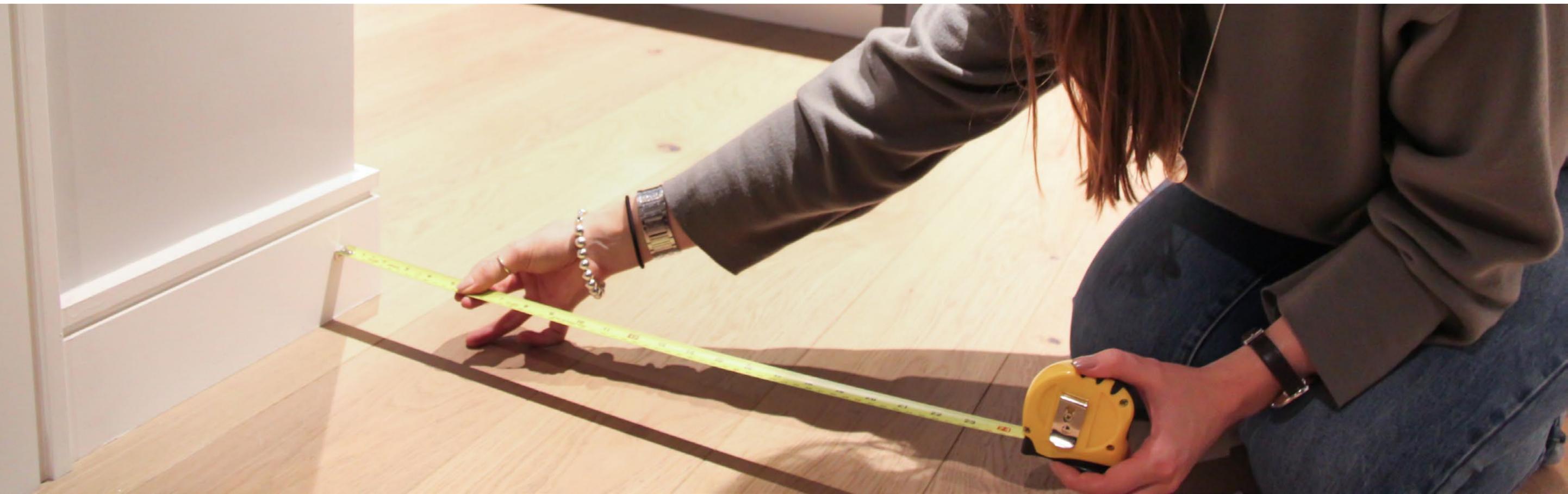


STEP 2: THE WIDTH (THE SHORTEST DIMENSION)

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- Measure the width of the room from wall to wall at one end of the room.
- Similarly, measure the width of the room from wall to wall at roughly the centre of the room.
- Measure the width of the room from wall to wall at the other end of the room.*
- Measure the width of the room from the inside of the skirting board to the inside of the skirting board on the opposite wall.

* Tip: If your room has a fireplace, then measure from the wall to the edge of the fireplace hearth, and from the wall to the chimneybreast.

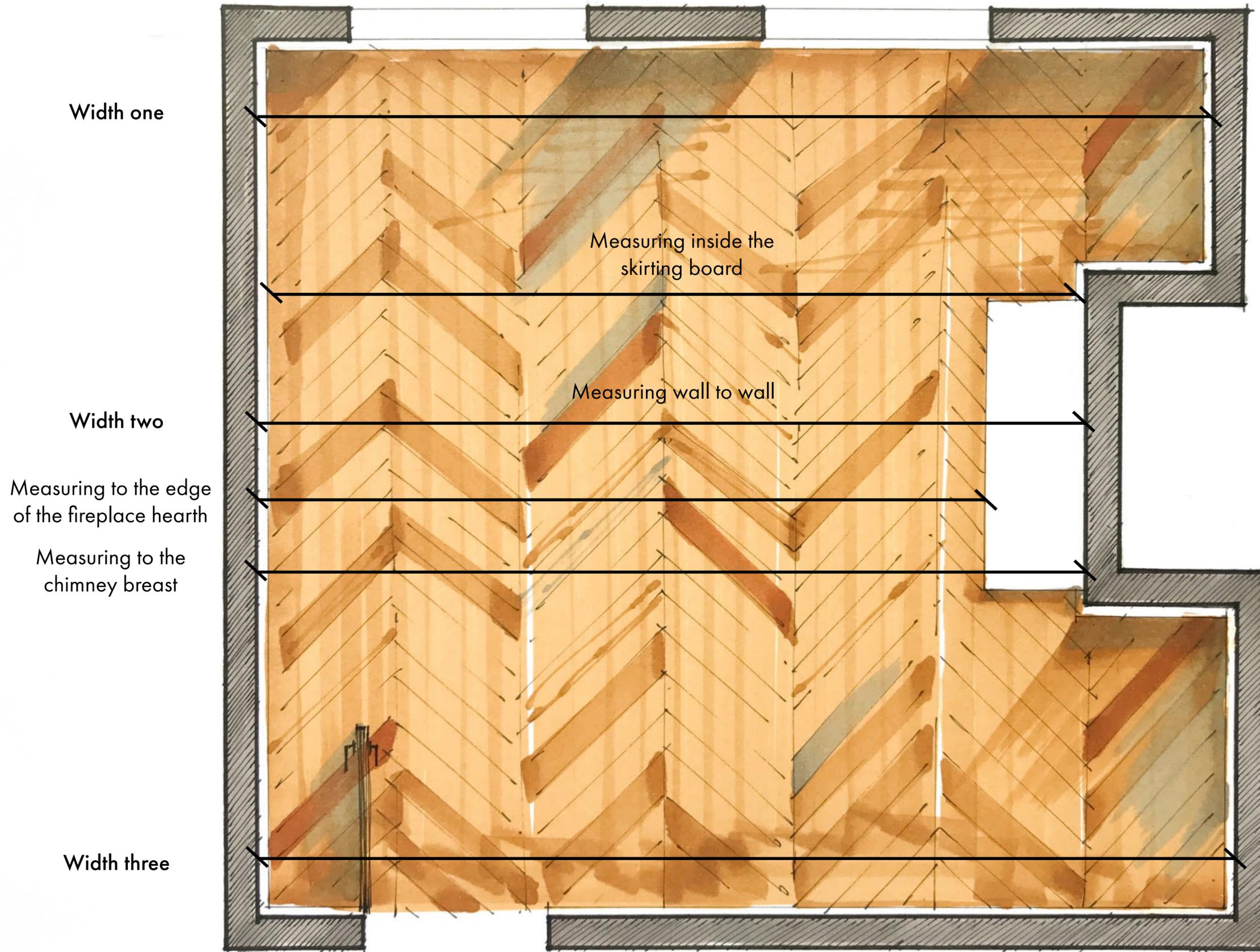




NOTE

If you are using a tape measure, you may find it tricky to measure from wall to wall. As you will run the tape measure along the floor, the measurement will most likely be in between the skirting boards.

This is absolutely fine, just please clearly indicate that you are only providing measurements from inside the skirting board to the opposite skirting board instead. We will then need the measurements of the skirting board too, but you will learn more on this in the next step.



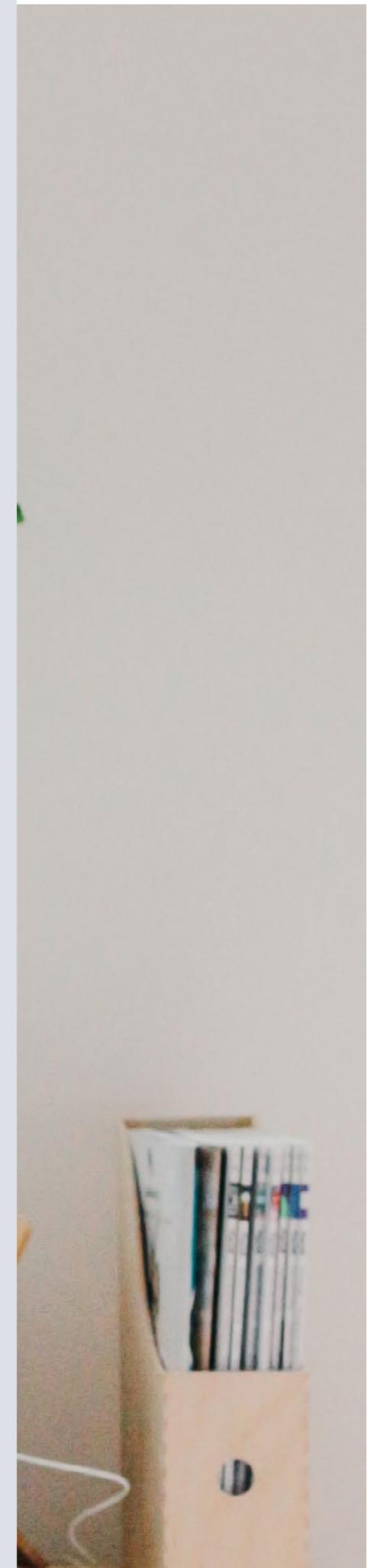
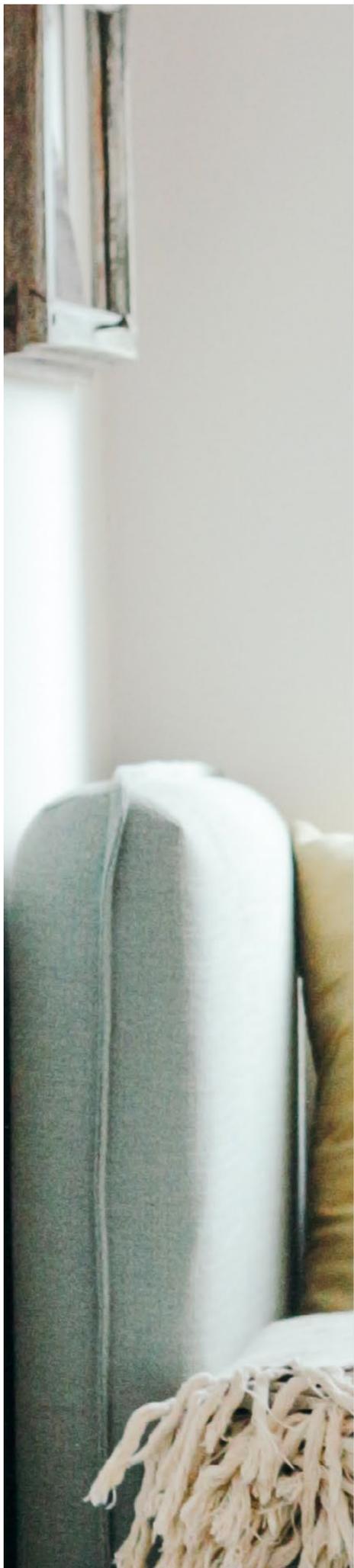
Sketch Diagram Step 2

STEP 3: SKIRTING BOARDS

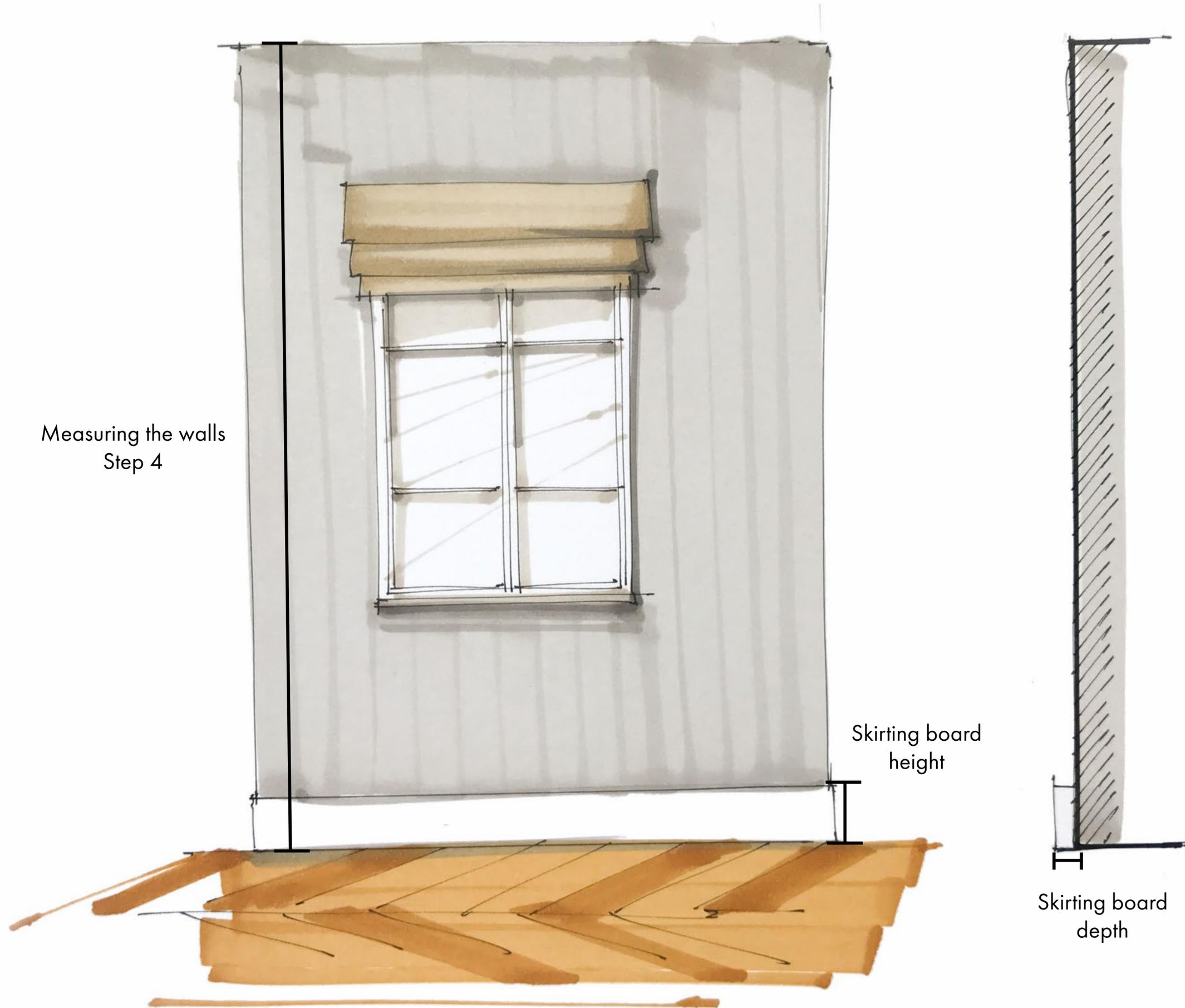
It might seem irrelevant, but the measurements of the skirting boards are quite important for the positioning of any bespoke furniture. Therefore in this step we are asking you to provide us your skirting board measurements.

We need:

- the height of your skirting boards.
- the depth of your skirting boards.



Measuring the walls
Step 4



Sketch Diagram Step 3

MEASURING THE WALLS

Now we've got the basic floor plan, we need to map out the walls. Just as before we suggest making rough sketches of the walls you will need to measure.



STEP 4: THE HEIGHT

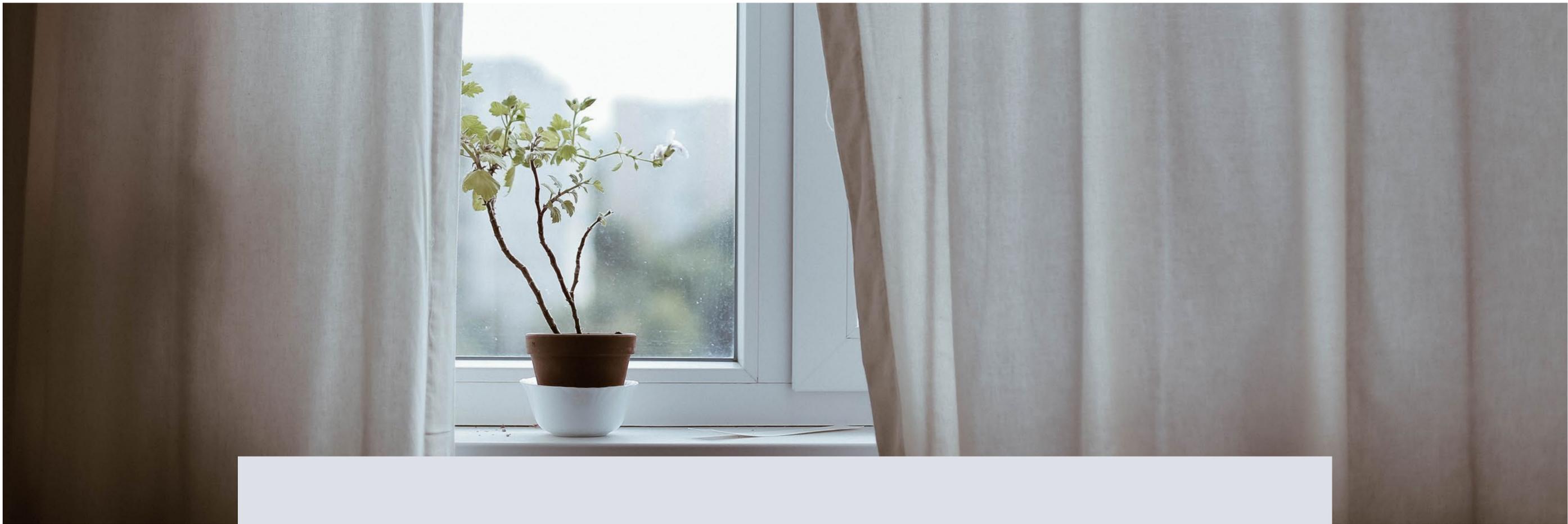
- Simply Measure the floor to ceiling height.
- We need you to include any doors, windows, sockets, switches and any other features you think we should know about when taking dimensions of your walls.



STEP 5: MEASURING DOORS

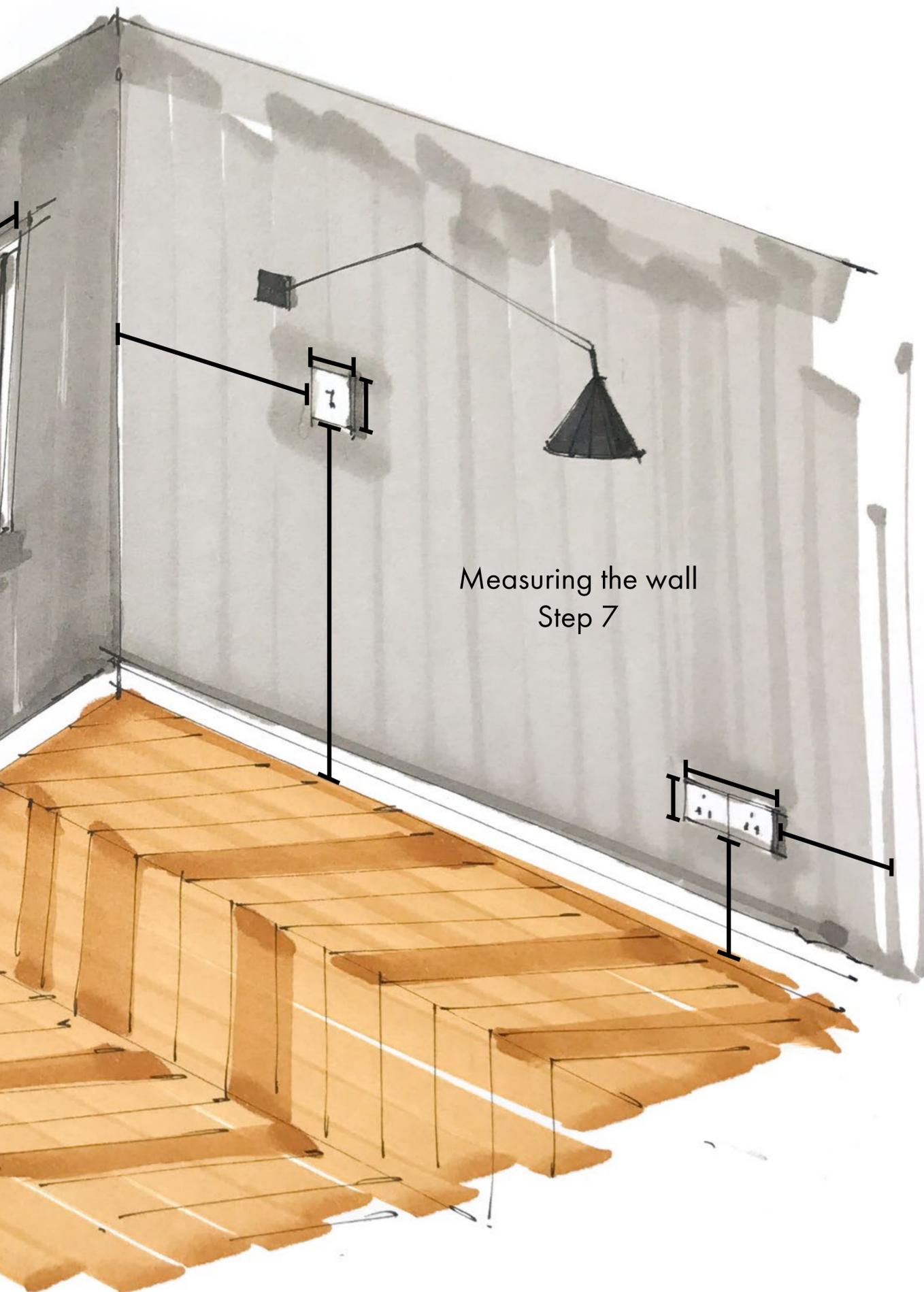
Measure the height of the doors and the width, making sure you are taking measurements from the edge of the architrave (door frame)





STEP 6: MEASURING WINDOWS

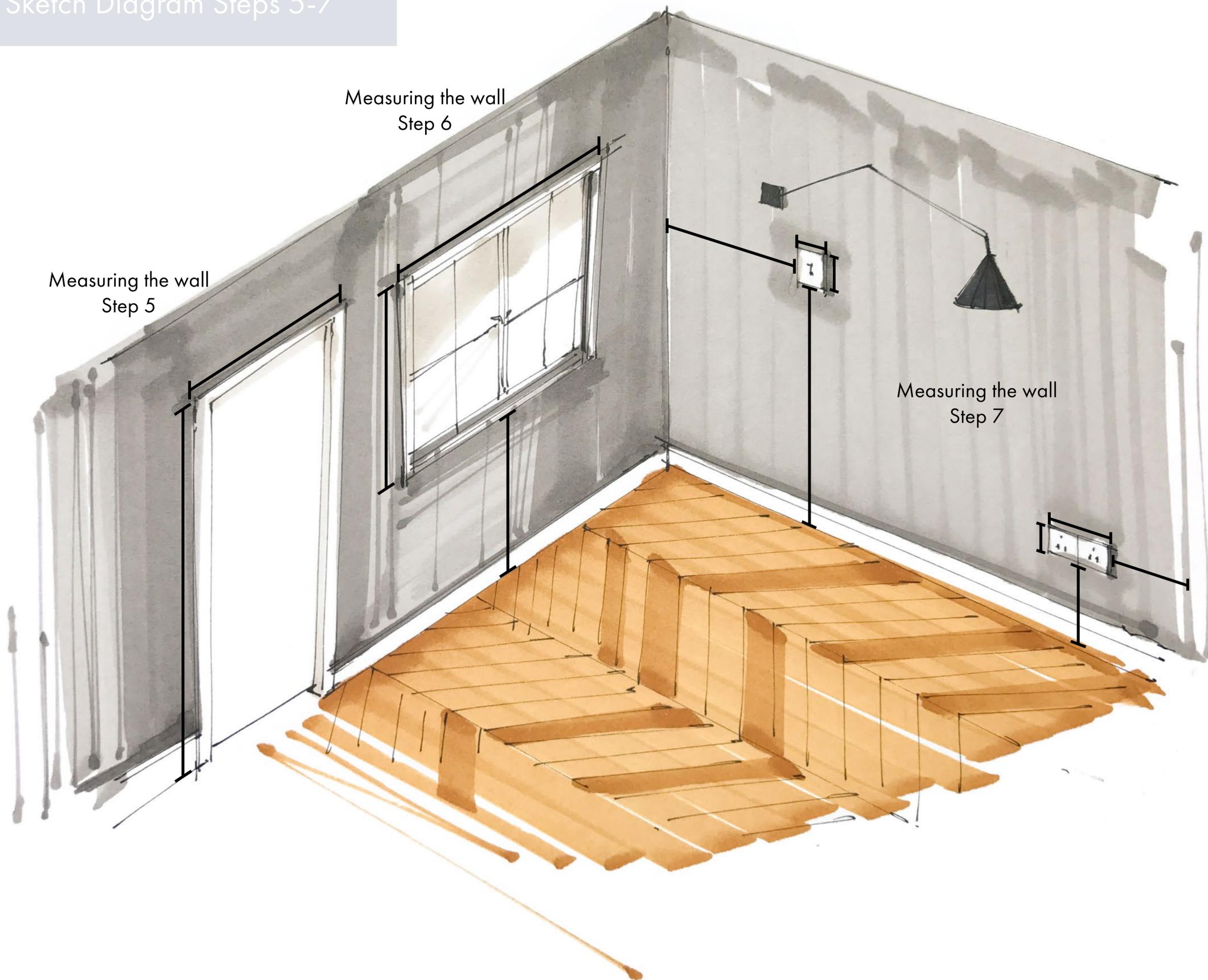
- Measure the height of the window and its width making sure you measure from the edge of the architrave (frame).
- Also please measure the height from the floor to the bottom edge of the window.
- Additionally indicate if the windows are simply windows or include doors and/or sliding components.



STEP 7: SOCKETS AND SWITCHES

- Measure the height and width of the socket/switch.
- Measure from the floor to the bottom edge of the socket.
- Also, please note down the distance between the outer edge of the socket/switch to the nearest wall.

Sketch Diagram Steps 5-7



Measuring the wall
Step 5

Measuring the wall
Step 6

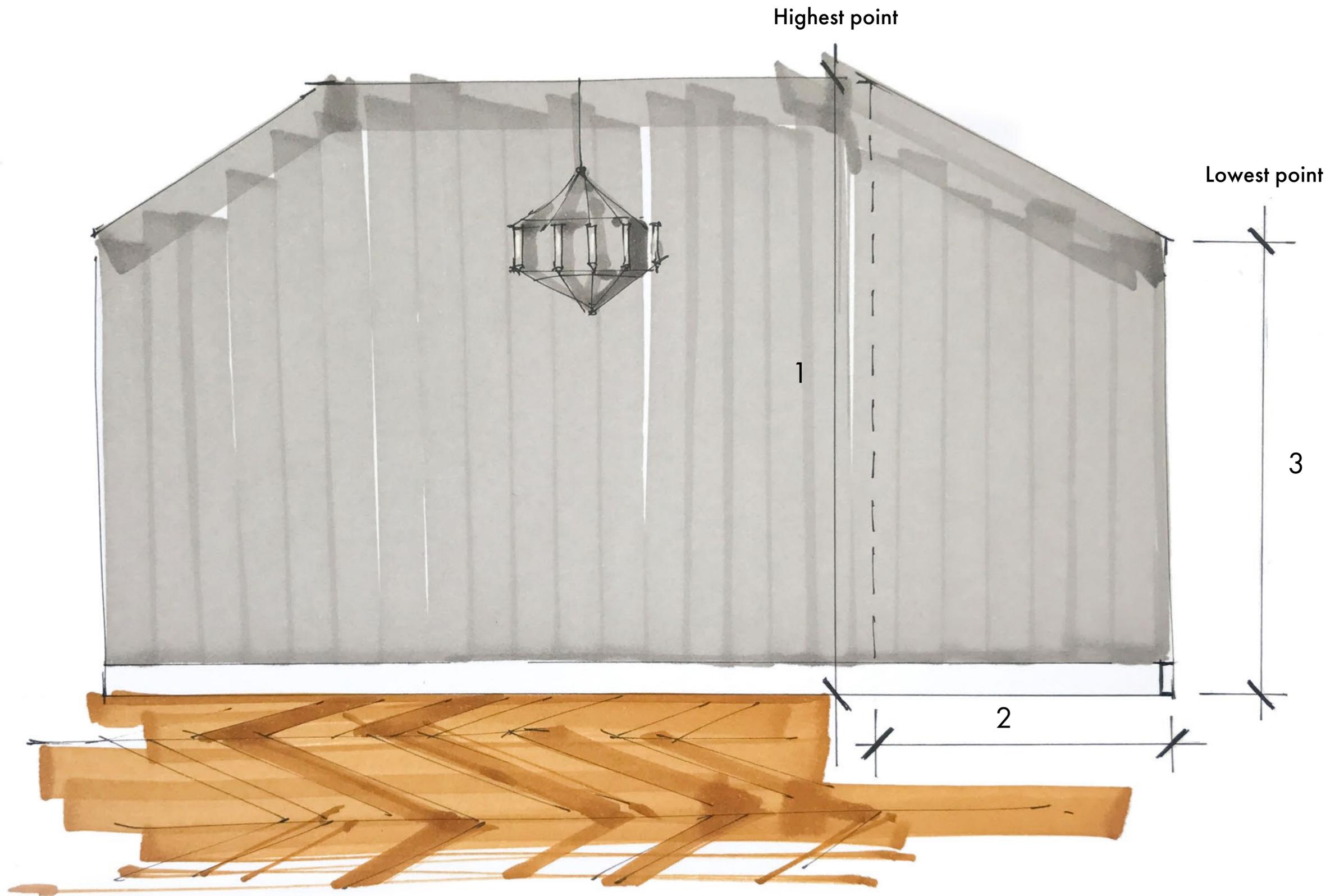
Measuring the wall
Step 7

MEASURING ROOM FEATURES



As previously mentioned, some rooms might have features such as a bay window, alcoves, structural pillars and fireplaces with hearths. Some rooms might even have stairs or attic ceilings. In order for us to plan out the room layout to the best of our ability, we need to know of these features where appropriate.

In this next step we will explain how to measure the most common room features.



Sketch Diagram Step 8

STEP 8: ATTIC CEILINGS

If you have an angled attic ceiling, your room is in the eaves or you have any other angled wall, please make sure to note these down.

- Measure from the floor to the highest point of the attic ceiling (1)
- Measure the space between the highest and the lowest point of the attic ceiling (2)
- Measure from the floor to the lowest point of the attic ceiling (3)

** Tip: We advise on measuring this on the floor to avoid any mistakes*

STEP 9: ALCOVES

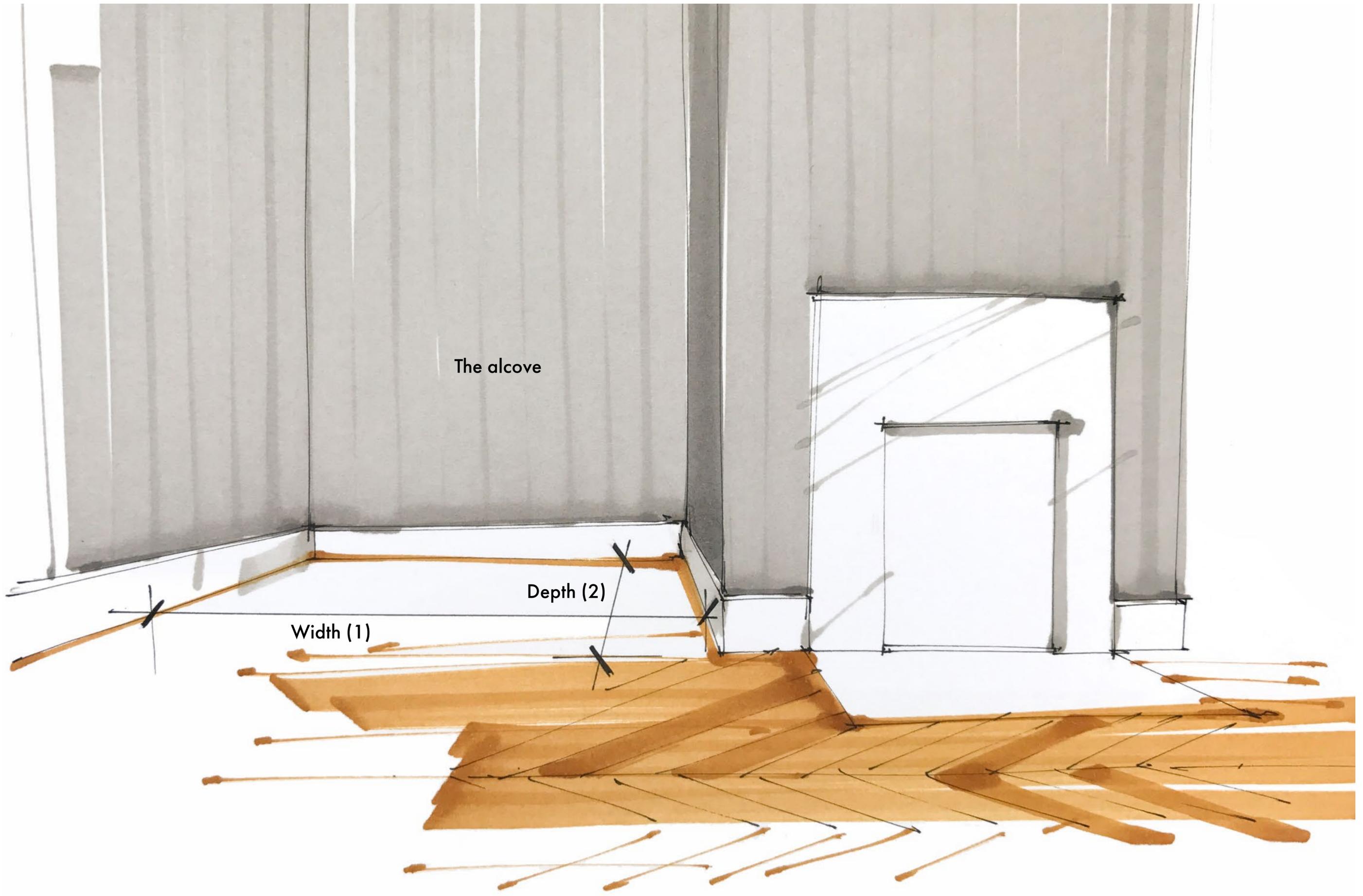
If your room has an alcove, please include these measurements in your floor plan.



- Measure from the opposite wall to the wall in the alcove
- Measure from the inside of the skirting board on the opposite wall to the inside of the skirting board in the alcove
- Measure the width of the alcove (1) and then measure the depth of the alcove (2)

Note: If you have more than one alcove in your room, which usually applies to a room with a fireplace, please repeat the process for the other alcove as well. They may not have the same dimensions



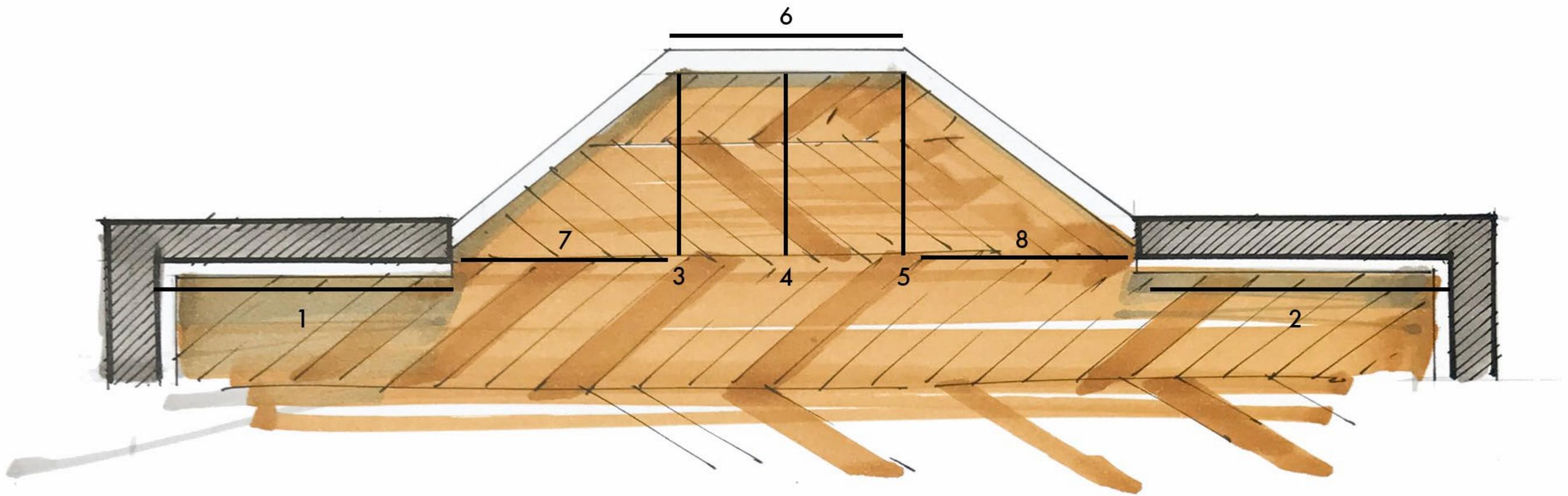


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BAY AND BOW WINDOWS

Similarly, if your room has a bay or bow window, we would have to know the measurements of these as well.





Sketch Diagram Step 10

STEP 10: A BAY WINDOW

Firstly, we would need to locate the position of the bay window on your wall. For that please provide the following measurements:

- Measure the distance from the edge of the wall to the beginning edge of the bay opening on one side (1)
- Measure the same distance on the other side- from the edge of the wall to the beginning edge of the bay on the other side (2)



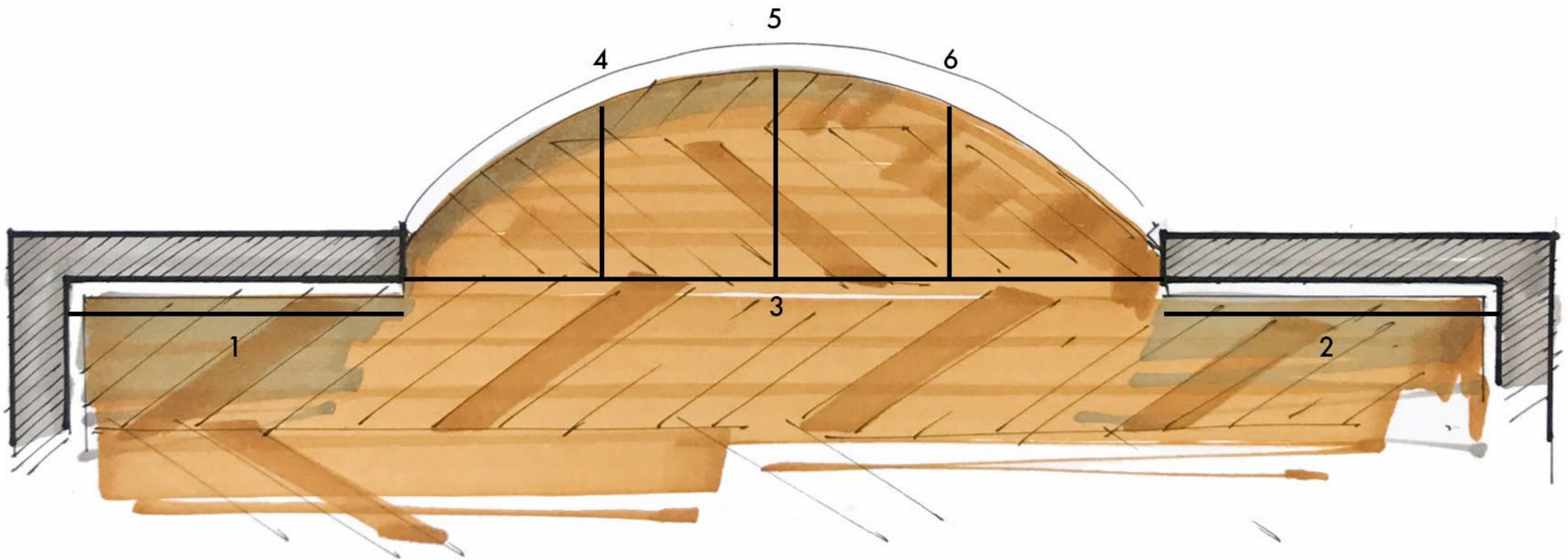
Now we know where the bay is positioned on your wall, we would need the measurements of the bay window itself so we have an understanding of its size. For that we need you to measure the bay window at three points.

- Measure the depth from the back of the bay window to the bay opening on one side (3)
- Then repeat the process by measuring the depth from the back of the bay window to the bay opening in the middle of the bay (4)
- Finally, measure the depth from the back of the bay window to the bay opening on the other side (5)



Once you have done that, we need you to provide us with a few more measurements:

- Please measure the width of the deepest (most inset) part of the bay (6)
- Measure the width from the edge of the window to where the bay starts to curve on one side (7)
- Repeat this for the other side - again measure the width from the edge of the window on the other side to where the bay starts to curve (8)



Sketch Diagram Step 11



STEP 11: A BOW WINDOW

In case you have a bow window, similarly to the bay window, we would firstly need to locate its position on your wall.

- Measure the distance from the edge of the wall to the beginning edge of the bow opening on one side(1)
- Repeat the process for the other side- measure the distance from the edge of the wall to the beginning edge of the bow opening on the other side (2)



After we have positioned the bow on your wall, we would need to know the dimensions of your bow window. For that please provide the following measurements:

- Measure the width of the bow opening (3)
- Measure the depth from the deepest part of the bow to the beginning of the bow opening (4)

Now in order to determine if your bow is slightly more curved to one side, or symmetrical, please measure the following:

- Measure the width from the edge of the bow window to the deepest part of the bay on one side (5)
- Repeat the process for the other side- measure the width between the edge of the bow window to the deepest part of the bow (6)



EXAMPLE FLOOR PLAN

