

Measure before you buy

A free worksheet for one storage area. Print at actual size on Letter or A4 paper.

Area / project:

Date: _____ Units (use one): cm / in Goal: _____

1. What needs a home?

List the group, largest item and how often you use it. Keep product instructions.

Item / group	Largest size (W x D x H)	Use / access needs

2. Measure usable storage space

Clear width: _____ Usable depth: _____ Clear height: _____

Measure between obstructions, not only the overall shelf or room dimensions.

Doors, handles, frames or other obstructions:

3. Test removal and opening

- ☐ Can you grasp the handle without moving another container?
- ☐ Is there room to pull the item out and carry it along the route?
- ☐ Can the lid open here, or is there a clear surface to open it elsewhere?

Space needed to remove / open / return the container:

External dimensions include the lid and handles. Internal dimensions determine fit.
Check the actual opening, taper and usable interior; capacity in litres is not enough.

Planning only: follow actual product load limits and installation instructions.

Compare the complete setup

Use current seller information. Record what is included and the date checked.

4. Compare two options

Record	Option A	Option B
Product / seller		
External size (W x D x H)		
Usable internal size / opening		
Quantity required		
Included lids / parts		
Extra parts needed		
Product + extras cost		
Delivery + applicable taxes		
Complete total / currency		
Seller URL / date checked		
Return terms / load limits		

5. Before-you-buy check

- ☐ The belongings and storage space have been measured.
- ☐ Internal fit and removal / opening clearance have been checked.
- ☐ The proposed arrangement works with parking and walking routes.
- ☐ Manufacturer limits, required parts and return terms have been reviewed.
- ☐ The complete cost uses current prices, with currency and date recorded.

Decision / remaining question:
