

Exhibit Plans

Floor Plan

Depending on where your museum will be housed, you may need a scale drawing for the entire exhibition floor plan. Developing a floor plan for the exhibition may be an activity involving the entire class or it could be assigned to a smaller group of students. The floor plan should specify the amount of space allotted for each display and the anticipated path of the visitor. Consideration must be given to traffic flow through the exhibition, even though most visitors don't follow prescribed paths. The very simple plan in *Learning on Display*, page 132, may be useful as an example, but students may want to be more creative in their design.

Exhibit Drawing or Mock-Up

Individual exhibit groups may plan for their allotted space. Students may map out their display on paper, using a scale that roughly corresponds to the square footage of their exhibit area. Alternatively, students may create a small three-dimensional mock-up of their display. Either way, students can use present their plans to peers for feedback before they begin construction (see ideas in "Will it Work? Section). Their final exhibition floor plan and their exhibit drawings or mock-ups will become the blueprints for construction.