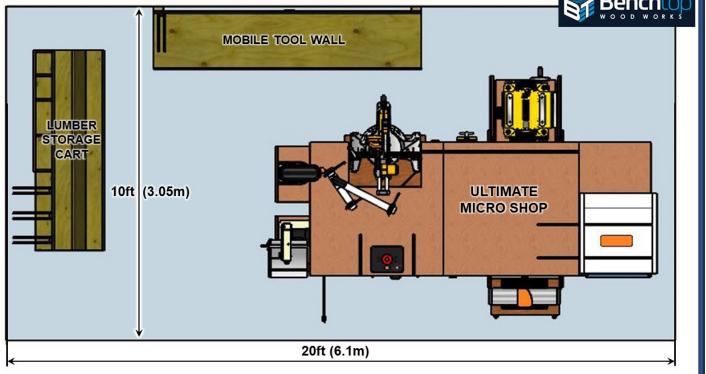
SHOP LAYOUT GUIDE

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# How to Use This

#### <u>NOTE:</u> IF YOU ARE VIEWING THIS AS A "FILE-PREVIEW" IN A WEB BROWSER, YOU NEED TO FULLY DOWNLOAD THE PDF TO VIEW THE EMBEDDED POWERPOINT & LINKS.

Open this file in PowerPoint (THE POWERPOINT FILE IS ATTACHED TO THIS PDF)

- Move, rotate, and Arrange the machine icons on your template page Print as desired (NEED SOME POWERPOINT TIPS?) OR (FOR THOSE THAT PREFER ANALOG)
- Print the Template Page that best fits your space.
- Print the Scale Machine Templates Page
- Cut out Machines similar to your own & arrange them
- Use the sample "boards / plywood" to check for interferences
- Photograph the layout or tape them in place

#### **OPEN THE POWERPOINT**

#### **Additional Resources**

- Website: Benchtopwoodworks.com
- Youtube Channel
- Find out about Unlimited Plans on Patreon
- Instagram
- All of my plans are available on Etsy

#### Plans to Help You Maximize Your Shop:



Mv Shop's Mobile Base:





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## 1-Car Garage Shop Template (10ft x 20ft)

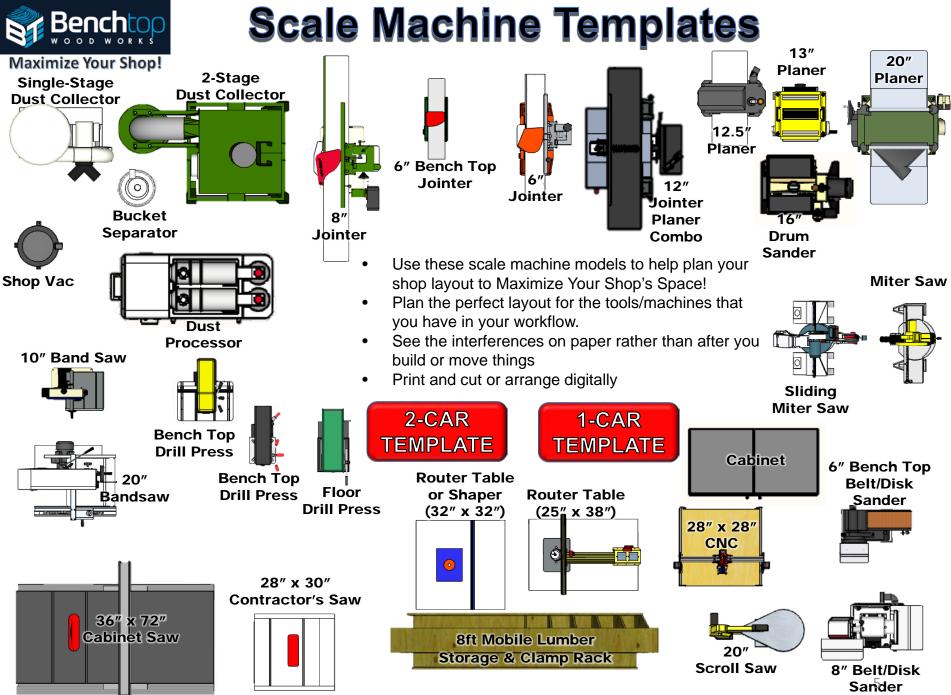
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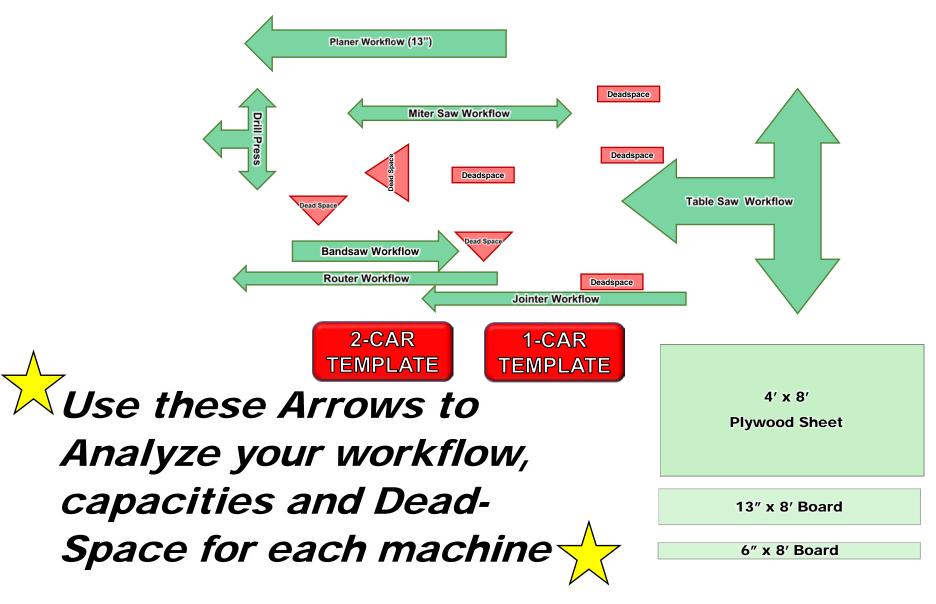
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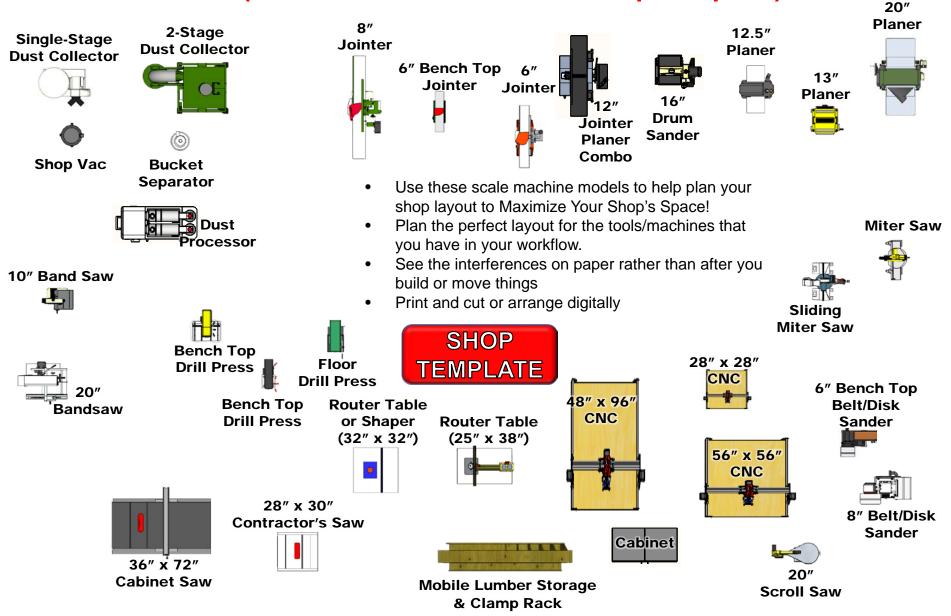


## **Workflow Arrows Template**





### **Scale Machine Templates** (HALF SCALE FOR 58'x39' Shop Template)



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### Generic Shop Template (58ft x 39ft)

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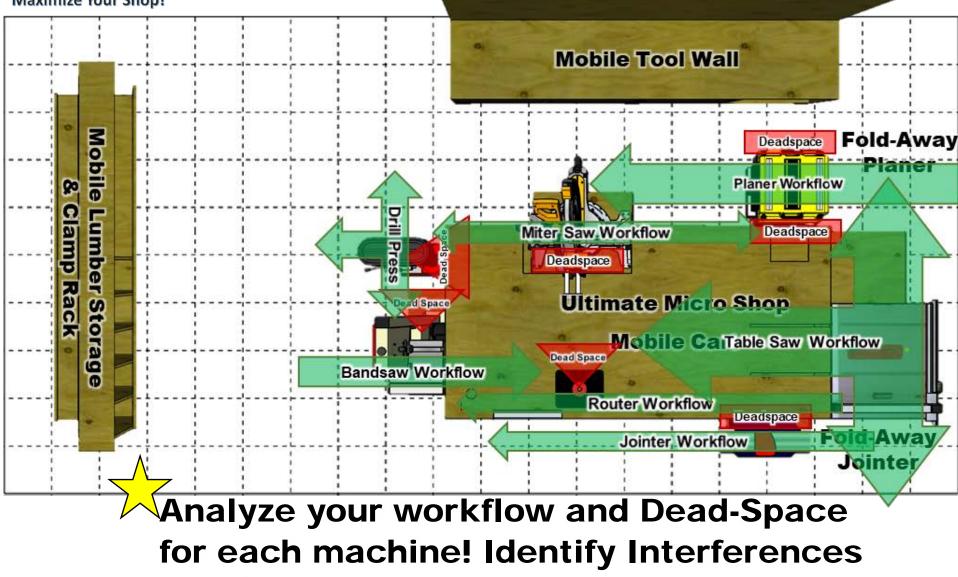
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## Example Workflow Logic (20ft x 10ft)



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# **PowerPoint Editing Tips**

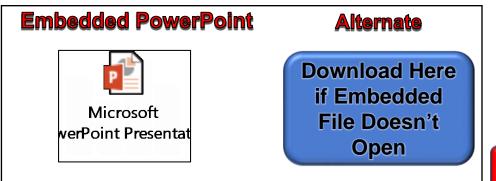
How to move & rotate Machines:

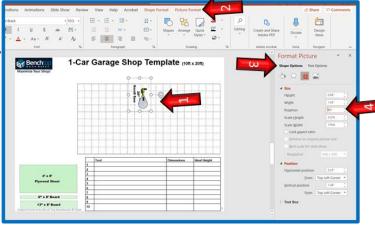
- 1. Go to the machine templates page, select the machine you want .--
- 2. Right Click & "Copy" ("CTRL-C")
- 3. Go to the shop template page and "Paste", ("CTRL-V") drag to where you want it.





- To remove text: select the machine area (both text and machine will select), click a 2<sup>nd</sup> time directly on the text, edit/delete the text as needed.
- 6. Add Shapes to represent the other benches, cabinets and machines not included. You can also re-size machines to suit your actual machines.





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Scale Machine Templates

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# 9x Shop Layout Tips!

#### Tips for preserving the most usable space in a shop (no matter how large or small it may be):

- 1. Keep material storage close to where they will enter the shop
- 2. Place machines used to break down and mill close to material storage
- 3. Align work flows so that they are parallel (Long runs for: Milling, Table Saw, Miter Saw, Band Saw, etc should all be parallel if possible)
- 4. Align "dead-space", non usable parts of machines (drill press column, sides of planer/jointer, rear of miter saw, etc.) can be placed directly adjacent to other machines without causing an interference.
- 5. Group by function/process (Milling / Shaping) (Fine cut / Sanding)
- 6. Keep assembly tables/areas central. We are constantly working on pieces and storing them in between operations.
- 7. Mobility is key. Keep things on wheels when possible, workflow & space needs will change over time and sometimes during a project.
- 8. Plan for project part storage during a project (cubbies or bins for non-assembled part storage)
- 9. Remember to "think 3-D". Each machine has a different ideal working height, this can help you when planning your space-saving solutions and storage.

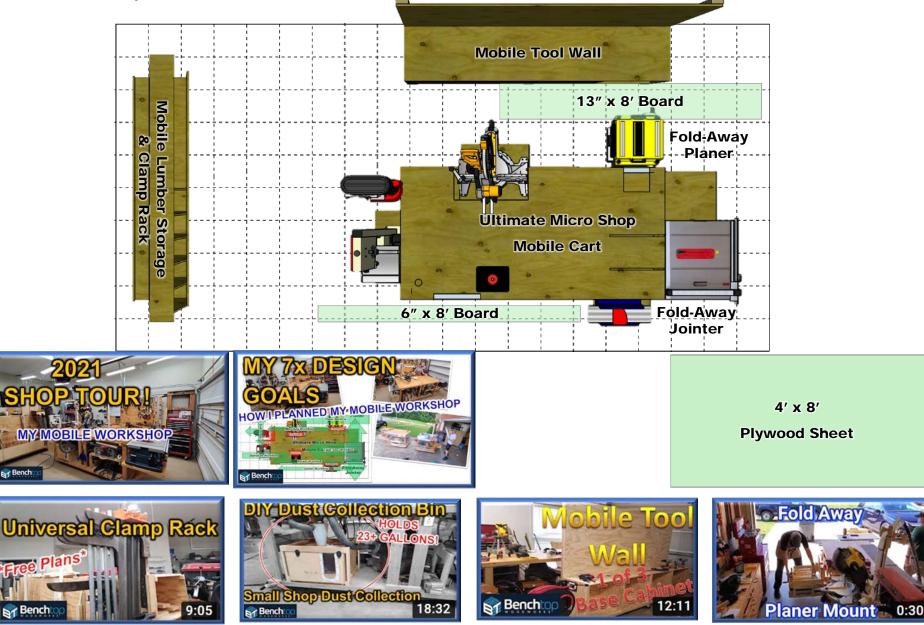
**EXAMPLE:** A jointer and planer are best at or just below waist level, a scroll saw can be used while seated. I use this concept of "thinking 3-D" in my fold away planer and jointer mounts to store machines in "un-used space" under the bench. I also used this same concept to locate my dust collection under my workbench as opposed to wall or ceiling mounted.

My goal is to give you some tips & tools to help you visualize ways you can make the most of your shop space.

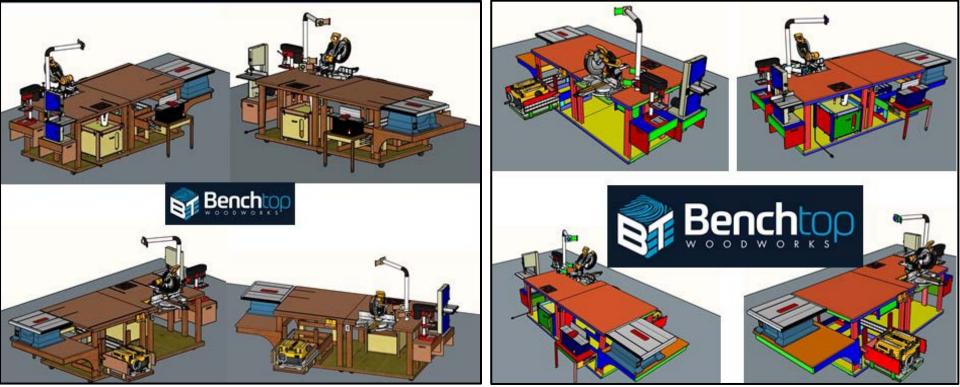
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## My Current Shop Layout (20ft x 10ft)



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#### My Story:

I grew up woodworking and apprenticing under my father. He was a shop teacher for 33 years & a woodworker his entire life. Some of our best memories were in the shop or on the job-site. I'm an engineer by training, but leader by trade. I've moved around 6x during the past 10 years for my job in the Army. I've renovated several houses & built furniture for my family, friends and customers along the way. Its not easy to keep a shop that's both fully-capable and moves easily, so I designed my layout to solve most of those challenges.

In 2015, I was encouraged to share some of my experience and passions for teaching, woodworking & doing so in a 'small' footprint. This was when I launched my business, Benchtop Woodworks. This has all been in my limited 'spare time' I have been deliberate to not allow it to compete with family time and other priorities. By purchasing one of my plans or made to order items, you've helped me to continue doing what I enjoy & support my family. I'm very grateful for your business and support. I hope this free shop layout guide helps you maximize your shop space! Feel free to share with others that might be able to get some use from it!

#### -Chris Harpster