

Flame-free & smoke-free altar planner

Measure your space. Choose a few meaningful things. Plan the finish.

A practical, optional approach for your own beliefs and household. Start with what you already own: a piece of paper can be enough. No flame, smoke or compulsory purchase.

01 Set your boundaries

☐ No flames or burning

☐ No smoke

☐ No scent, if needed

My purpose for this space

Household or accommodation rules I need to follow

02 Measure what is genuinely available

Usable width (cm)

Usable depth (cm)

My location

Use a stable, level surface. Keep routes, vents, sockets, switches and everyday working areas clear. Measure a notebook while open; leave room to reach and write.

03 Choose less, and choose where it goes

One focus: a word, image or symbol

One activity: e.g. writing or reflection

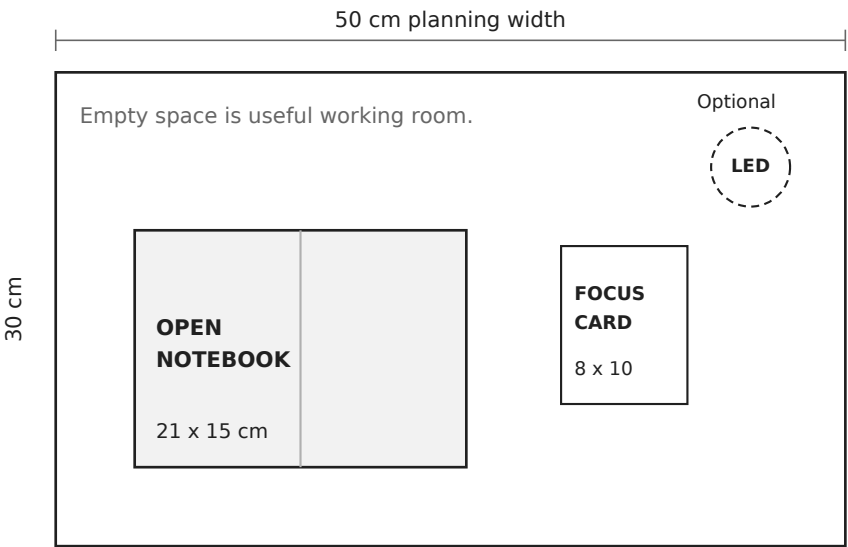
Where everything will be stored afterwards

Start with the household, not the decoration. Keep items inaccessible to children and pets. Avoid loose small objects where they could be reached. An LED is optional, not a guarantee of safety. See page 4 before using one.

Two layouts to borrow

Original top-down examples. Measurements are illustrative, not minimum sizes or safety clearances. Diagrams are not full-size templates.

A. The desk that returns to work



Front / where you sit

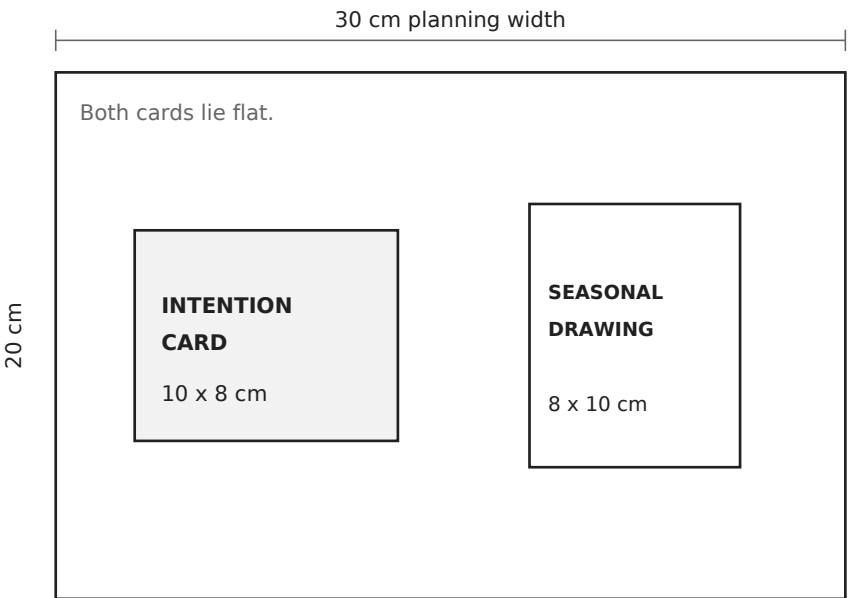
50 x 30 cm

A chosen area on an existing desk, not a furniture requirement.

Try the notebook and flat card first. Sit down, open the book and check your reach.

Dashed circle: optional 5 cm LED footprint. Measure your actual product and follow its instructions.

B. Paper-only, ready to pack away



A tray is optional; the surface must support it fully.

30 x 20 cm

Two flat cards, no light and no loose small decorations.

Use your own words and a seasonal drawing. Keep the cards in a folder afterwards.

If using a tray, put the cards away before moving it. Choose suitable storage for your household.

These plans are not instructions for every tradition. A drawn flame or wave can be a personal symbol if that suits your practice; no physical or healing effect is claimed.

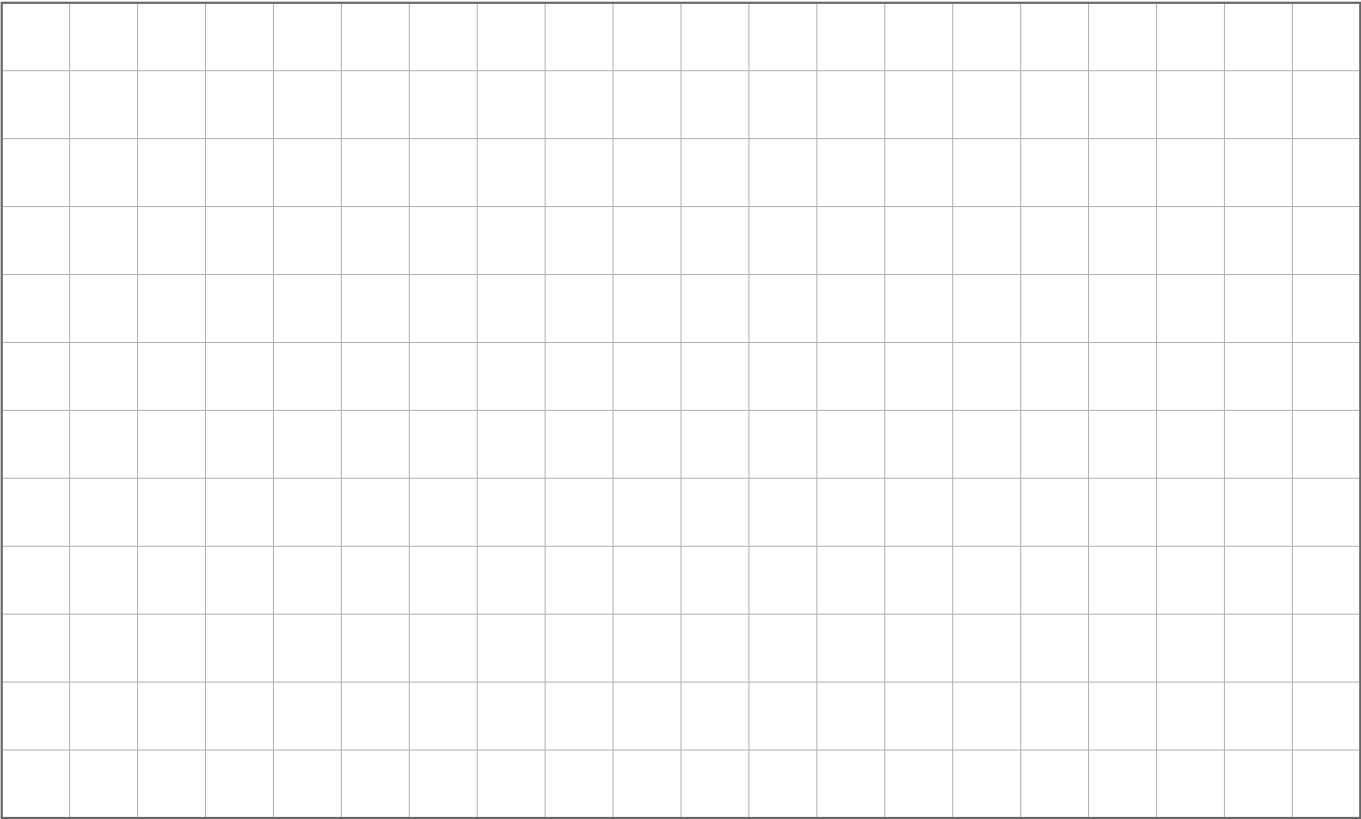
Make the space yours

Draw the usable outline first. Mark areas that must stay clear, then add the real footprints of your chosen objects.

My usable width x depth (cm)

My scale: one square represents __ cm

Example: at 5 cm per square, a 50 x 30 cm area is 10 x 6 squares.



This is a planning grid, not a ruler. It does not need to print at a particular physical scale.

Item check: include the space needed while using each object.

Object / purpose	Footprint (cm)	Already owned?	Storage place

One thing I will leave out to keep this practical

Try the arrangement, then revise it. Blank space is allowed.

Before, during, afterwards

Use this page each time you set up. If any check fails, change the plan or leave the item out.

Before you begin

- ☐ The surface is stable and level; every item is supported, with no overhang.
- ☐ Routes, vents, sockets, switches and everyday working space remain clear.
- ☐ There are no flames, smoke, heat sources or unsuitable scented items in the plan.
- ☐ Children and pets cannot reach the arrangement or its storage; no accessible small pieces.
- ☐ I can reach and use everything comfortably without knocking other objects.

If using a battery-powered LED

- ☐ I have followed the product instructions and checked the light and remote for damage.
- ☐ Battery compartments close securely; loose, spare and used batteries are stored securely.
- ☐ I will keep the product inaccessible to children and pets and recycle used batteries promptly.

Button batteries are a serious hazard. If you think a child has swallowed one, go straight to A&E or call an ambulance. Do not wait for symptoms. Suspected battery ingestion by a pet needs urgent veterinary advice. An LED is not fireproof or universally safe.

Reset before you leave

- ☐ Switch off any optional light; follow its storage instructions and put every item away.
- ☐ Check the surface and floor for loose items or dropped batteries; restore the shared space.

My next-time change

Sources & further reading

UK Government: button battery safety

gov.uk: "New posters promoting button battery safety"

RoSPA: button battery safety

rospa.com/home-safety/product-safety/button-batteries

RoSPA: decoration and light safety

rospa.com/home-safety/product-safety/halloween-safety

PDSA: urgent advice for suspected poisoning

pdsa.org.uk: "First aid for poisons and toxins"

Nifty: broader altar setup guide

witchy-supplies.co.uk/altar-setup-guide/

Checked 20 October 2026. Follow product instructions and reassess for your household.