

A home that grows with your family

Layouts that work for babies, busy kids and everyone in between.



Family-friendly layout must-haves

1 Bedrooms on one floor

Keep the nursery and kids' rooms near the primary suite.

2 Open kitchen & family room

Cook while keeping an eye on play and homework.

3 Mudroom or drop zone

Boots, backpacks and gear land by the door, not the hallway.

4 Laundry near bedrooms

Upstairs or main-floor laundry saves daily trips.

5 A second full bath

A tub for little ones and fewer morning traffic jams.

6 Storage everywhere

Deep closets, a garage and basement space for gear.

NURSERY

A spot for the newborn

- A room near the primary bedroom, on a quiet side
- Space for a crib, glider and changing station
- Good closet space and easy-to-darken windows

PLAYROOM

Room to play

- Within sight or earshot of the kitchen
- Durable, easy-clean floors and good light
- Look at finished basements, bonus rooms over the garage, or a first-floor den

FLEX ROOMS

One room, many stages

Now

Nursery and playroom

Next

Homework space and craft room

Later

Teen hangout or guest room

Schools, parks and space for extended family on the back →

Growing your family? Let's find the home that fits.



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Location and room for everyone

What to research nearby, and how to make space for extra hands.

What's nearby matters

Schools

- Confirm the assigned school by address with the district
- Review public data on Massachusetts DESE school profiles
- Visit, and check bus routes, walk zones and start times
- Look into daycare and pre-K options nearby

Sports & activities

- Town recreation programs and youth leagues
- Drive time to fields, rinks, pools and studios
- Libraries, summer camps and after-school programs

Parks & playgrounds

- Playgrounds and fields within walking distance
- Sidewalks, bike paths and safe crossings
- Trails, conservation land, ponds and town beaches

Space for au pairs and extended family

Au pair suite

- A private bedroom is required for au pair hosts
- A nearby or private bath adds comfort
- Separate from the kids' rooms for privacy

In-law or extended family

- First-floor bedroom and full bath
- A separate entrance and kitchenette
- Few steps and wide doorways for aging in place

Accessory dwelling unit

- Massachusetts now allows ADUs by right on many single-family lots
- Room for grandparents, a nanny or rental income
- Check your town's size and parking rules

TOUR WITH A FAMILY LENS

Bring this list to showings

✓ Picture a typical school morning in the space

✓ Listen for noise between bedrooms

✓ Check sightlines from the kitchen to play areas

✓ Count the storage for gear, strollers and bikes

School assignments can change; always verify with the school district. Public school data: profiles.doe.mass.edu. ADU rules vary by town. Au pair requirements per the U.S. Department of State program.



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