# **Design For Disaster Relief**

**Scaled Prototype Extension** 

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### **Extension 1: Scale Up To Full Size**

### Scaling

For your prototype to be scaled up to full size, we will need to decide on a conversion that will be large enough to provide actual shelter for a family in need while still fitting on the back of a flatbed truck for transport.

Most flatbed trucks in the U.S.A. are 11 feet long and 8.5 feet wide. In this section, we will convert from metric to U.S. customary units and then scale up your design to full size.

### Conversions

When you evaluated your prototype, you made careful measurements of the dimensions. Your measurements were made in millimeters, but the dimensions of the truck used for transport are in U.S. customary. Convert your metric measurements in millimeters to inches using the conversion factors below (for help, try this <u>guide</u> or use <u>this online calculator</u>). Show all work on conversions and enter your results in the worksheet.

### **Conversion Tables**

#### Conversions

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U.S. Customary System	Metric System
1 foot = 12 inches	1 centimeter= 10 millimeters
1 yard= 3 feet	1 meter= 100 centimeters
1 mile= 5280 feet	1 kilometer= 1000 meters
1 mile= 1760 yards	

#### Converting between the Metric and U.S. customary systems

1 inch= 2.54 centimeters	1 centimeter= 0.394 inches
1 foot= 0.3048 meters	1 meter= 3.281 feet
1 mile= 1.61 kilometers	1 kilometer= 0.62 miles

## **Extension 1: Fully Assembled Conversions**

Directions: Use the table below to make your calculations.

Fully Assembled Original Measurements and Conversions							
Prototype Height Prototype Length		Prototype Width		Conversion Rate			
						1 inch is equal to	Millimeters
Convert Height Cor		vert Length Convert Width		ert Width			
mm		mmn		m	mm	mm	mm
X inches	- 1	1 inch X inches			1 inch	X inches	1 inch
Will your fully assembled prototype fit on a standard flatbed?							

### **Extension 1: Packed Flat Conversions**

Directions: Use the table below to make your calculations.

Packed Flat Original Measurements and Conversions						
Prototype Height	Prototype Length	Prototype Width	Conversion Rate			
			1 inch is equal to	Millimeters		

Convert Height		Convert Length		Convert Width		
mm _	mm	mm _	mm	mm	mm	
X inches	1 inch	X inches	1 inch	X inches	1 inch	

Will your prototype fit when packed flat on a standard flatbed?

# **Extension 1, Continued:**

### Scale Up

Using proportions, determine an appropriate scale for your structure (here's a <u>guide to scale factors</u> help you). Remember, your scaled up structure must fit onto a flatbed truck when folded flat. Use the worksheet to compute the scaled length, width, and height.

Determine the scale factor needed in order to fit the your prototype in its **fully assembled size here.** 

Determine the scale factor needed in order to fit the your prototype in its **packed flat size here.** 

# Additional Helpful Resources For Conversions And Scale

Conversion chart: <u>https://www.mathsisfun.com/metric-imperial-conversion-charts.html</u>

Converting units: <u>https://www.mathsisfun.com/measure/unit-conversion-method.html</u>

Scale: https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/scale-drawing.html

Scale in detail: <u>https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/ratio.html</u>

How to solve ratios and proportions:

https://www.mathplanet.com/education/algebra-1/how-to-solve-linear-equations/ratios-and-proportions-and-how-to-solve-them