welcome!

Your modular furniture can be set up in any of four approved configurations. You may be happy with the current configuration, but if you want to make a change, please review and follow all safety guidelines and assembly instructions. For safety reasons, only the configurations presented here are permitted.

safety first

- Many of the modular furniture pieces are heavy. Two or more adults are required to lift and stack these pieces.
- Always use proper lifting techniques to prevent serious back injuries.
- Do not remove the safety guardrail.
- The pins provided MUST be used in all stacked configurations to position and lock the pieces together. (Replacement pins are available at your Community Center.)
- Do not remove the smartbar unit from the desk as this may cause a lofted configuration to collapse.
- The side of the bed without the safety guardrail must be placed against the wall.
- Furniture should be a minimum of two feet away from windows and from heat registers/radiators. (Does not apply to Northwood residents.)

before you begin

Think through your room arrangement before you begin. Remove all obstacles from your path, empty the contents of all drawers and clear any items from the tops of furniture. Remove the mattress from the bedframe for safer, easier lifting.

proper lifting techniques

- Before you lift anything, get close to what you want to move.
- Center yourself with what you are going to lift.
- Plan the lift so it will not take you off balance, which could cause you to lose control and hurt yourself.
- Plant your feet firmly.
- Don’t bend from the waist to lift, as it places too much stress on your spine.
- Bend from your knees to pick up the furniture, keeping your back straight.
- Don’t rely on your arms and back alone; let the trunk and leg muscles do the work.
- As you move during a lift, do not twist your body; instead, turn your feet while your spine remains straight.

The University of Michigan is not liable for injuries you may receive as a result of configuring your modular furniture system.
the loft

Instructions
1. Decide where you want your loft to be located. Place the desk (with attached smartbar) where you want that end of your loft to be.
2. Place the dresser on the other end of your loft location.
3. Place pins in the pinholes on top of the dresser.
4. Position the bookcase on top of the dresser, making sure that the pinholes in the bottom of the bookcase are aligned with the pins in the dresser top.
5. Turn the bedframe so the safety guardrail will be on the outside of the bed and not against the wall.
6. Lift and place the bedframe on top of the other furniture, with the shortest bedposts facing down (toward the floor).
7. Check all pin connections to ensure that they are secure.
8. Use the ladder to get safely up and down from your loft.

the bunk

Instructions
1. Decide where you want your bunked beds to be located.
2. Position the bottom bunk with the shortest bedposts on the floor.
3. Place a pin in each of the lower bunk's bedposts.
4. Turn the top bunk's bedframe so the safety guardrail will be positioned on the outside of the bed and not against the wall.
5. Lift and position the second bunk on top of the first, with the shortest bedposts down (pointing to the floor).
6. Check to be sure that the pins are firmly connecting the two beds at each bedpost.
7. Use the ladder to get safely up and down from the upper bunk.

the half loft

Instructions
1. Decide where you want your lofted bed to be located.
2. Place the dresser on one end and the bookcase on the other. (For greater accessibility, both should be placed face out.)
3. Place pins in the dresser and the bookcase.
4. Turn the bedframe so the safety guardrail will be positioned on the outside of the bed and not against the wall.
5. With the shortest bedposts toward the floor, lift and place the bedframe on top of the other furniture, making sure that all pins are properly aligned with the holes in the bedposts.
The single bed

Instructions
The bedframe for a single bed can be flipped so that either the short or long ends of the bedposts are on the floor. The mattress will fit on either side. Placing the longest bedposts on the floor will provide the most under-bed storage. The safety guardrail should not be removed from the bed.

More options

The steel locking pins are used to connect the various furniture elements and are essential for safety. Refer to the pin locations shown for each furniture setup to ensure that you have placed them correctly.

The beds are not the only pieces of modular furniture that can be stacked. Consider stacking:
- Dresser on dresser;
- Bookcase on dresser; or
- Bookcase on bookcase.

Simply place pins in the pinhole locations to connect the two pieces.

SmartBar accessories

Use the track behind the smartbar to manage your computer wires.
The smartbar features a universal monitor-mounting bracket so you can get your monitor off your desk and up to eye level.

More assistance

If you need additional connecting pins or help with these instructions, please contact your Community Center.

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