MAKE YOUR OWN uhu
urban housing unit
WHAT IS A UHÜ?
The uhū is a micro housing unit where each unit provides 385 square feet of living space.

HOW WOULD YOU DESIGN THE UHÜ TO MEET YOUR NEEDS?
Do you need a place to play?
Do you need a place to dance?
Do you need a place to keep your bike?

HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE THAT YOUR UHÜ HELPS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE?
Does it have cross ventilation to cool it?
Does it have a green wall to create a micro-climate?
Are the windows designed to let winter sun in to warm it but block the hot summer sun?

EXPLORE THE UHÜ
The uhū was a BSA initiative in 2016, where the uhū travelled around the City of Boston to show people how we can design units in the future.
To learn more at the uhū, visit architects.org/exhibitions/uhu-roadshow.
BRAINSTORM

LAYOUT YOUR UHÜ
This is an example floor plan of a micro-unit. To design your own, use the templates on the following pages or sketch your own 3"x8" rectangle + furniture.

1. Start with your cooking and bathing areas
2. Add furniture or create your own
3. Decide where to place windows + doors

SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"
DESIGN YOUR UHÜ

Choose how to design your uhü. Print out and use the blank floor plan below or draw your own.
WHAT WILL YOU NEED IN YOUR UHŪ?
Think about what type of activities you will use your uhū for. Cut and paste the elements below or draw your own.

SLEEPING
- twin bed
- queen bed
- side table

BATHING/COOKING
- bathroom elements
- kitchen equipment
WHAT WILL YOU NEED IN YOUR UHÜ?
Think about how many rooms or spaces will be in your uhü. Cut and paste the elements below or draw your own.

**Furniture**

- **Table**
- **Couches**
- **Chairs**
- **3’ Round Table with Chairs**
- **3’ Coffee Table**
- **Bookshelf**
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BUILDING ELEMENTS

- window
- pocket door
- sliding doors
- single door
- double doors
SHARE

DOCUMENT YOUR IDEA
Take pictures of your uhū. Share with your friends, family, or with us, the BSA, online.

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