

## SECTION 6: Where will you put your equipment? Furniture and other considerations

Do you know where you will put your TV? Perhaps you already have a TV stand, cabinet, or media center. When you placed the components on the shelves did you first consider how they were hooked up? Is it in a way that you have the shortest, best quality cables? Do your remote(s) work well with all devices? (That is, you don't have to raise the remote above your head or lower it under the coffee table.) Is the component stand in a place that allows you to be comfortable while watching your TV and at a viewing angle that shows the best picture (for LCD TVs or Rear Projection TVs)? Can you set up surround sound if you want? Bottom line...ask yourself, "knowing what I know so far, am I happy with where my equipment is placed in the room?"

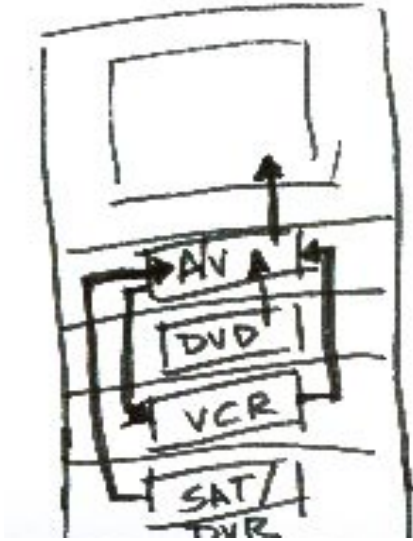
Whether you want to change the arrangement of your existing equipment or you need to purchase new furniture for your equipment, the following will help you to plan where you will put each component to optimize your hook up and viewing experience.



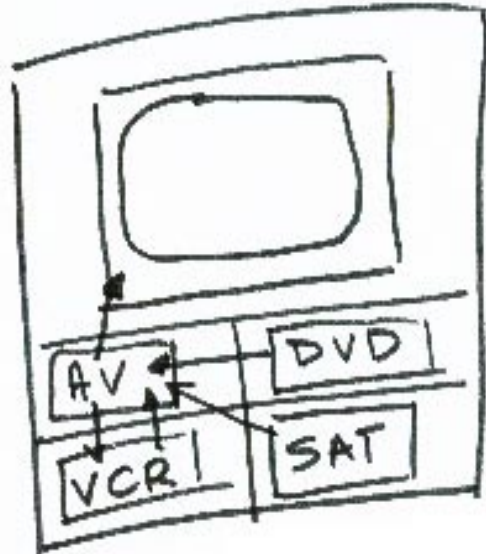
You will want to decide where your equipment will go... What kind of *furniture* to hold the equipment, which *shelf* for each device and *where in the room* it will be placed in relation to where you will sit.

Once you have made the box sketch, you can see which components need to be placed close to each other. Make a simple drawing of your media furniture. Draw an outline of the shelves on your unit and then referring to your box sketch, draw boxes deciding where you will place each component (like the drawings on the next page). If you haven't yet purchased your furniture, you may decide that a certain style (one where the components can be placed next to each other, like the one below right) may save you money by shortening the length of cables you will need. The savings from buying 3 foot component cables compared to 6 foot component cables (especially if you require more than one) will go a long way toward your furniture budget.

Once you decide which shelf each component will occupy, you can measure between the components to determine the length of cable you will need and note it on the chart. Record the quantity and length of each kind of cable on your shopping list.



Using your box sketch as a guide, decide on which shelf each component will be placed.



You might decide that a side by side style media center can aid your budget by requiring shorter cables.

## Measuring for cables

You know where you will place the furniture that will hold your equipment. You have decided on which shelves to place each component to insure that more expensive cables will be shorter.

Many people believe that they can “eyeball” it and choose cables that are 3 feet or 6 feet, only to find that they have taut cables that can’t be connected snugly. (Remember, a snug connection is important to get all of the signal information from one component to the next!)