

1. Set Up Figma

- **Create a Figma account:** If you don't already have one, sign up at figma.com.
- **Start a new project:** Once logged in, click on "New File" to start a fresh design project for your wireframes.

2. Create Frames (Artboards)

- In Figma, wireframes are usually built on "frames" which act as your canvases for different pages or screens.
- To create a frame, click on the **Frame Tool** (shortcut: **F**). Choose a preset size (like Desktop, Mobile, Tablet) or create a custom size that fits your design.
- Each frame will represent a different page or section of your website (e.g., homepage, property listing page, search page).

3. Set a Grid or Layout

- It's a good idea to use a grid to align elements properly.
- Select your frame, then go to the **Right Panel** and under "Layout Grid" click the "+" sign to add a grid or column layout.
- You can customize the grid by setting the number of columns, gutter size, and margins to match your desired design structure.

4. Use Shapes for Basic Elements

- Figma's **Shape Tool** allows you to create the basic components of your wireframe, such as buttons, text fields, and content areas.
 - Use rectangles (shortcut: **R**) for buttons, content blocks, or images.
 - Create circles (shortcut: **O**) for profile pictures or icons if needed.
- Wireframes should be simple, focusing on layout and structure, so don't worry about colors or detailed styling yet.

5. Add Text Elements

- Use the **Text Tool** (shortcut: **T**) to add labels, headers, and placeholders for text content.
- For example:
 - "Property Name" as a placeholder for the property title.
 - "Search by location..." as a placeholder in the search bar.
 - Button text like "Contact Agent" or "Save to Wishlist."

6. Create Placeholder Elements

- **For images:** Draw a rectangle where images will go and label it as "Image" or use a gray fill to represent images. This could be for property images or agent profile pictures.

- **For text blocks:** Use lines or dummy text ("Lorem Ipsum") to represent where text descriptions will go (e.g., property descriptions, prices, etc.).

7. Design Key Pages

- Start with **essential pages** for your platform:
 1. **Homepage:** Include a search bar (e.g., search by location, property type), featured property listings, and a navigation menu (Home, Listings, Agents, etc.).
 2. **Property Listings Page:** Show a list of properties with filters (location, price range, property type). Use placeholders for property thumbnails, title, price, and brief description.
 3. **Property Detail Page:** Include space for large property images, a description, features (e.g., number of bedrooms, bathrooms), and a "Contact Agent" button.
 4. **Agent Profile Page:** Profile picture, agent's contact details, and a list of properties associated with the agent.
 5. **Favorites/Wishlist Page:** A simple list or grid of properties that users can save to their wishlist.

8. Add Interactions (Optional)

- Figma allows you to add basic **interactions** to simulate navigation between pages.
- Click on an element (like a button) and then click the **Prototype** tab in the right-hand panel.
- Drag the blue arrow to the frame or page you want it to link to (e.g., clicking on a property card takes the user to the property details page).

9. Review and Refine

- Keep your wireframes clean and simple. Focus on layout and positioning rather than on design details.
- Make sure the user flow is logical, and the navigation elements (like buttons and menus) are easy to find.

10. Share or Export

- You can share your wireframe design directly through Figma by clicking **Share** in the top-right corner. This will generate a link that you can send to collaborators or instructors.
- If you need to export your wireframes as images or PDFs, select the frames and go to **File > Export**.

Example Wireframe Elements for RealHome:

- **Homepage:**
 - Search bar at the top.
 - Featured properties grid below the search bar.

- Navigation bar with options like Home, Listings, Agents, Wishlist.
 - **Property Listing Page:**
 - Search filters on the left side (location, price range, property type).
 - A grid layout showing property thumbnails with brief details (title, price, location).
 - **Property Detail Page:**
 - Large image carousel at the top.
 - Property details below (address, price, description).
 - "Contact Agent" button.
 - **Agent Profile Page:**
 - Profile picture and contact information at the top.
 - List of properties the agent has listed below.
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Tips:

- **Start simple:** Focus on the core layout and keep things clean. Avoid adding too much visual detail at this stage.
- **Use components:** If you have elements (like buttons or forms) that repeat across multiple pages, create a **component** so you can reuse them easily.
- **Collaborate:** Figma allows multiple users to work on a design simultaneously, so you can collaborate with teammates in real time.