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Shape Shifting Collaboration Tables

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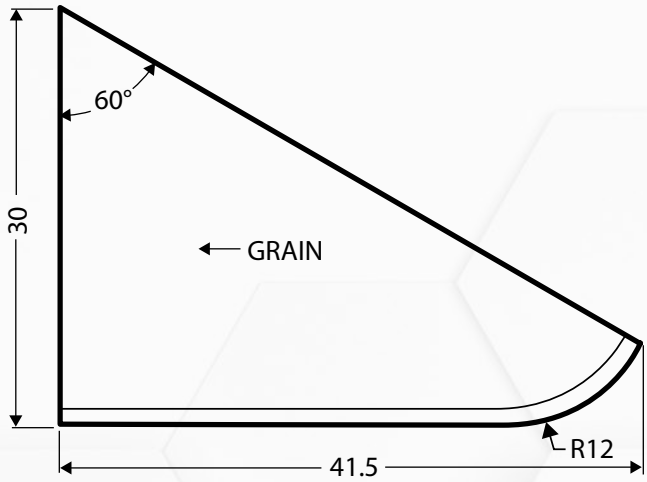
The Hampton University Library, Hampton, VA, uses groups of six left-curved elements to make pinwheel arrangements. They are unitized with clips. Small form factor CPUs are held in the black mesh modesty panels with hook & loop closures for wire management.



The igroup element has a 60-30-right triangular top with a curve on the right or left of the user. Elements can be grouped together to make a unique family of shapes for collaborative learning. The tops can be modified to integrate power, USB charging, data and may have grommets for cable pass-through.

The igroup hexagon is made up of six of the same igroup elements, creating radial symmetry. This isn't just any hexagon design. It looks like the aperture of a lens—like it is in motion, opening up. This energizes the space and promotes interaction. In this setup, each user gets two curved corners, but they also share those corners with neighbors to left and right. A plain hexagon table does not do that.

The igroup pinwheel is unique. The Hampton University Library chose this shape because each user gets to choose privacy or collaboration just by shifting body language from center to left or right. Screens can be moved and shared for collaboration over the corners. This shape is also made up of six of the same igroup elements, so if you need a hexagon, you can shift shapes. Try out something new.

Two rights and two lefts make a linear offset. It is not really a rectangle, like being seated at a restaurant. People are seated beside each other, or across form each other at an angle. This offset promotes non-confrontational body language that helps people express themselves while listeners are naturally more open to understanding. Linear offset was selected for Gulf Coast State College's Advanced Technology Center, Panama City, Florida, featured on the covers of this brochure.

Three lefts and three rights make reflective symmetry used in the leaf and the triangle. This means that you have shape shifting choices and freedom to change up the space from time to time. The leaf setup offers three different kinds of user space: the top is like the triangle, the sides are like the pinwheel and the base is like the linear offset. This fun organic shape offers great possibilities for collaboration, interaction, presentation and focused research.

The igroup triangle is our beautiful, basic collaboration shape. We also offer this shape in the Collab® Collaboration Conference Table, which was first developed for an Ivy League med school in an environment with lots of screens and data visualization. All of the igroup elements can be customized for technology integration, as demonstrated by Hampton University's library.

The triangle has plenty of room for collaboration side-by-side or over the corners.

Abstract shapes can be made that defy description. They can be made up of same type or mirrored pairs. The abstract shown is a shift from the pinwheel, made with all six of the same left igroup elements.

Keep in mind that if you have at least twelve elements, you can make both kinds of shapes. Those requiring all of the same kind can simply be six of a kind—left or right.

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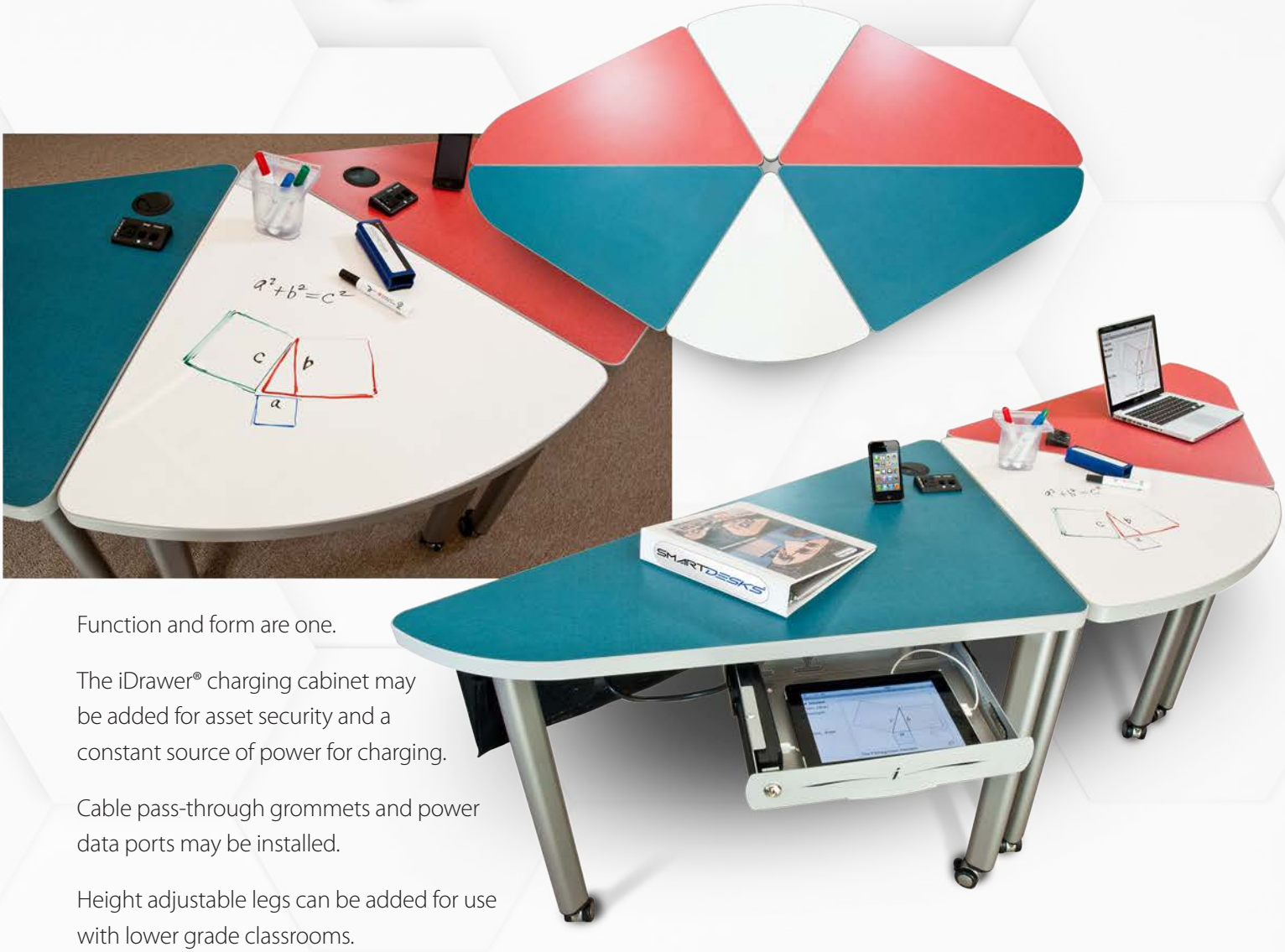
From every angle and every configuration, igroup gives teachers the freedom to create an inspired collaboration space. igroup's elements can make any lesson plan come true, mirroring your creativity. Change up the space whenever you wish. igroup elements clip together to form a unitized shape, but they unclip and reform to set a fresh tone for discovery, understanding, communication and building consensus.

igroup elements may be customized with power, charging and data ports. Black mesh wire management modesty panels are standard equipment. They have hook & loop closures and can even hold small form factor CPUs.

Mirror image igroup elements can be lined up in rows with people lined up at angles, gaining the advantages of the triangle shape in a small footprint. We call them beetles.

The abstract shape is shifted from the leaf configuration.

The rugby ball shape uses whiteboard connectors to join two beetles. You can stretch this out into a serpentine setup. Or, just use half of it.



Function and form are one.

The iDrawer® charging cabinet may be added for asset security and a constant source of power for charging.

Cable pass-through grommets and power data ports may be installed.

Height adjustable legs can be added for use with lower grade classrooms.

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