

## Retractable benches let a police department expand – without a room expansion

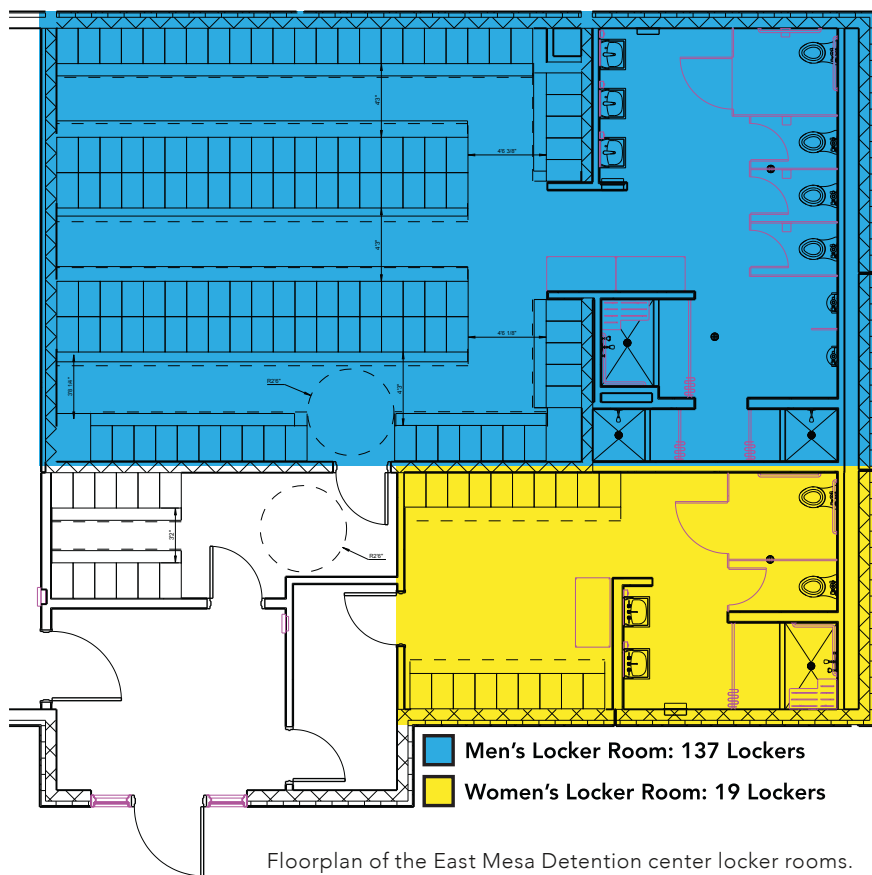


Not every storage solution comes with a new, shiny space to work with. The truly innovative solutions actually come from simply having to fit more of something—evidence, records, gear—in the exact same footprint. This was the case of the East Mesa Detention Center.

The Center had recently added over 100 employees, and quickly found that their locker storage was lacking. In addition to adding to the number of lockers in their men's and women's locker rooms, they also needed to increase the width of each locker by a full six inches. Oh, and they needed places for all of their personnel to sit and put on gear as well.

The engineering team at Spacesaver pondered this before reaching a conclusion: if the locker benches could literally retract into the locker frame, it would cut down on the space needed in the footprint for places to sit, and the Center would still be able to get the required number of enlarged lockers in the same space. A prototype of a FreeStyle® Personal Storage Locker was created with a retractable bench, and after several tests for weight load and other improvements with the personnel at East Mesa, the new custom lockers, called Bread Board Benches, were installed.





Floorplan of the East Mesa Detention center locker rooms. The Freestyle® Bread Board Bench allowed for over 135 lockers to fit in the men's locker room alone.



## Benefits

- The Freestyle® Bread Board Bench allowed the Detention Center to retract the bench when not in use and extend when needed
- The retractable Bread Board Bench reduced the depth of each locker by 12", allowing the department to fit more rows of lockers into the locker room, meeting the requirement for number of lockers needed
- An increased number of locker rows, allowed the detention center to increase the width of their lockers to fit storage requirements
- The strong Bread Board Bench has more than a 600 lb load capacity

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