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Mobile Divider

**Relationship Focus**

Human-to-Tools

**Context**

Open offices that encourage collaboration and inspire creativity have become a common theme in modern office design and planning. Introverts and extroverts have different means of generating ideas; introverts psychic energy tends to expand through reflection and dwindle during interaction. Some of the greatest ideas come in a moment of reflection. However, in an environment that is designed for constant interaction it is sometimes difficult for a person to create their own space to retreat into. The Compact Mobile Divider allows a user to create a visual barrier, and gives them an opportunity for personal reflection. It can quickly and quietly deploy to create a temporary barrier, and can be used as a signaling device to inform others that you wish to be left alone. When closed, the Compact Mobile Divider is elegantly stored and is unobtrusive as a simple box.