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Hal Hudson, President of MockWall Systems LLC, has over 25 years of healthcare experience, working as a facilities and construction director in large medical centers in Ohio, Illinois and Iowa. One of the biggest and most exciting changes he has seen over that time is the growing trend towards Lean/3P design events, where full-sized mockups are built in the pre-schematic phase of design. He saw that mockups were leading to impressive savings by reducing the number of post-construction revisions, but building the mockups was cumbersome and inefficient. Materials that were commonly used, such as plywood and Masonite, were expensive and heavy and staff members with carpentry skills were needed to build and revise the mocked-up spaces.

As the saying goes, there had to be a better way.

After developing several prototypes, Hal came up with a simple and effective way to build, using 4' x 8' sheets of cardboard honeycomb panels and five metal connectors in bright colors for visual control. Using his system required no special carpentry skills or tools and the panels were lightweight, only 6 lbs. each. Changes to a mocked-up space could now be made in minutes, which meant more time for the design team to spend on ideas and less time on tear down and rebuilding. Environmental impact was also important, so the metal connectors are reusable and the cardboard panels are recyclable at the end of their useful life.

Interest in the system grew and in 2011, Hal started MockWall Systems LLC. His patent-pending system is now available to those who are looking for a way to build better mockups.