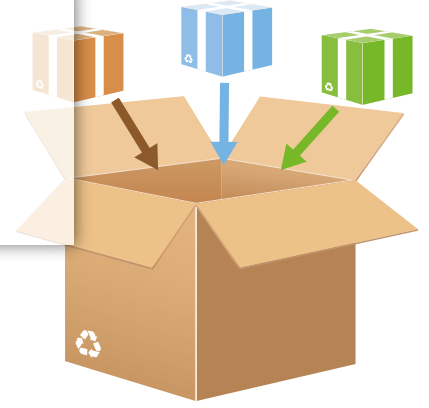


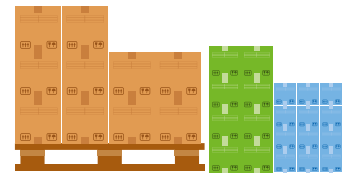
6 Steps to Optimized Order Fulfillment



1

Classify inventory

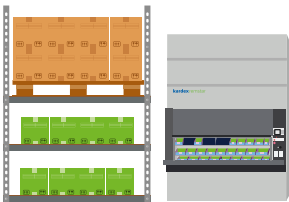
At the highest level, classify inventory based on picking size (by pallet, case or piece) and by frequency (fast, medium, slow or very slow).



2

Match inventory to storage technology

By correlating the specific benefits of each type of storage available with the requirements of each inventory classification it should be easy to determine which material handling technologies meet the picking needs of each category.



3

Double Check the Fulfillment Process

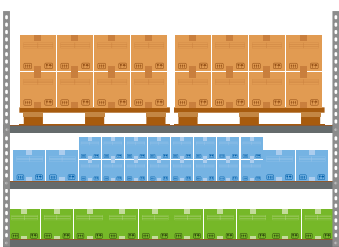
Next consider the minor enhancements that can improve picking within each category, such as pick to light technology, upgrading software, bar code scanning, integrating a hoist for heavy lifting, etc.



4

Slot inventory within the storage technology

Slot inventory within each storage device for maximum picking efficiency and peak storage capacity.



5

Map processes and workflow to maximize throughput and reduce labor

Now look for potential additional picking strategies for further enhancing complete order fulfillment workflow such as batch picking, zone picking and pick and pass.



6

Integrate business systems to maximize visibility

To the extent possible, integrate any business systems already in place (ERPs, WMSs, WCSs, WPMs and LMSs) to better streamline picking processes and inventory management for extended order cut-off times and increased process visibility.

