

Decorating Inch by Inch

Important Measurements to Live By

These are recommended measurements and may be adjusted according to taste and comfort

Kitchen

Kitchen cabinet height: 34-1/2" tall off the floor.

Kitchen cabinet wall installation height: 18" off the counter top or 54" above the floor

Kitchen base (floor) cabinet width: 24"

Kitchen tables- allow 36" between table and any traffic area or obstruction in order to have plenty of space to move chairs in and out.

Island and Breakfast Bar height: Standard cabinet height: 34-1/2" for standard work area, 30" for table style seating, 42" for stool height.

Countertop thickness: 1 to 1-1/2" standard

Kitchen/dining room table height-typically 30" height

Dining chairs- standard 18 to 20 seat height

Bar stool height

Bar height- generally seats that are 30" high, and a table top that is 40-42" high.

Counter height- generally seats that are 24-26" high, and a table top that is 36" high.

Dining Room

- Distance between the walls and the dining room table: Ideally, provide at least 24" between the dining table and any walls or other furniture on all sides to allow seats to slide out easily.

- *Dining Room Table: Allow 24" linear space for each guest.

- * Dining table width: maximum should be kept at 48"

*For a typical 12' x 16' dining room, a 108" x 44" table is recommended

- Distance between a dining table and an entrance: Provide around 48" between the table and an entrance to allow people to enter and exit the room with ease.
- Vertical space between a dining chair and dining table: Chairs and chair arms should be able to slide under the table with ease. Leave about 7" between the chair arm and apron of the table.
- Area rug and dining table: The rug should measure at least 2' larger in each direction from the table top size when all the leaves are in.
- Space between dining chairs: Ideally provide about 24" between chairs to prevent hitting elbows and to allow people to slide chairs in and out without any collisions or bruised knuckles.

Dining Chair seat size: Minimum Side chair size – 18" D x 18" W

Living Room

- Distance between a sofa and coffee table: Allow around 18" between the table and sofa edge to give enough leg room but to be able to set down drinks or reach appetizers without straining. Coffee table heights vary greatly, but a good rule is to keep the table height and seat height within 4 inches of each other.
- Side table and sofa height: In general, an end table should be approximately the same height as the arm of your sofa or chair. This allows guests to set down or reach for drinks without straining, and it also lends a more cohesive feel to the room.
- Distance between TV and sofa: There should be about 7' between the TV and seating options.
- Area rugs and furniture: Too often area rugs end up feeling like bath mats. To keep your area rug from feeling random, at least the front two legs of a sofa or chair should rest on the rug.

Distance between room-size rugs to walls: Allow about 24" between the wall and room-size rug in a large room, and between 12"- 18" in a smaller room.

- 3 seat sofa – 35" D x 84" W
- Loveseat – 35" D x 60" W
- Armchair – 35" W x 35" D
- Coffee Table – 30" W x 48" L
- Square end table – 24" W x 24" L
- Rectangular end table - 24" W x 28" L

Lighting

Dining room chandelier: height: 30" from bottom of fixture to top of table.

Width of dining room fixture: 1/2 of the width (not length) or diameter of the table.

Two chandeliers: choose sizes that are each 1/3 of width of table and center them by finding the center of the table that is centered in the room and then find the center of each half and hang from those measurements.

Height of dining room fixture: $2\frac{1}{2}'' - 3''$ for each foot of a room's height ex., 8' ceiling height = 20"-24" fixture height

Foyer chandelier: Fixture height: measure the length and width of the area where the fixture will hang from and add the figures together. Total equals the fixture size in inches. (ex., 12' length plus 18' width area is $12 + 18 = 28$, a 30" diameter chandelier would work best)

Foyer chandelier fixture height: The higher the ceiling the taller the chandelier should be-use $2\frac{1}{2}'' - 3''$ per ft of room height .ex, If the ceiling is 10 feet high, a light fixture that is 25" to 30" is best.

Foyer chandelier height: 7' 6" from the floor to the bottom of the light fixture.

Hanging Sconces: Just above eye-level is ideal (around 66" to 72" from the floor)

Bedroom

Bed sizes

- **Standard Bunk Bed Size:** 39" x 75"
- **Twin Bed Size / Single Bed Size:** 39" x 75"
- **Twin Extra Long Bed Size:** 39" x 80"
- **Full Bed Size/ Double Bed Size:** 54" x 75"
- **Queen Bed Size:** 60" x 80"
- **King Bed Size:** 76" x 80"
- **California King Bed Size:** 72" x 84"

- Chest of drawers – 30" W x 18" D
- Nightstand – 18" W x 18" D

Mattress Sizes

- Twin--39 x 75 inches (or 99 x 190 cm)
- X-Long Twin--39 x 80 inches (99 x 203 cm)
- Full--54 x 75 inches (137 x 190 cm)

- Queen--60 x 80 inches (or 153 x 203 cm)
- King--76 x 80 inches (or 198 x 203 cm)
- California King--72 x 84 inches (or 182 x 213 cm)

Fitted Sheet Sizes

- * Twin--39 x 75 inches (or 99 x 190 cm)
- * X-Long Twin--39 x 80 inches (99 x 203 cm)
- * Full--54 x 75 inches (137 x 190 cm)
- * Queen--60 x 80 inches (or 153 x 203 cm)
- * King--76 x 80 inches (or 198 x 203 cm)
- * California King--72 x 84 inches (or 182 x 213 cm)

Flat Sheet Sizes

- * Twin--66 x 96 inches (or 167 x 243 cm)
- * X-Long Twin--66 x 102 inches (or 167 x 259 cm)
- * Full--81 x 96 inches (or 205 x 243 cm)
- * Queen--90 x 102 inches (or 228 x 259 cm)
- * King/California King--108 x 102 inches (or 274 x 259 cm)

Comforter Sizes

- * Twin--68 x 86 inches (or 173 x 218 cm)
- * Full/Queen--86 x 86 inches (or 218 x 218 cm)
- * King/California King--100 x 90 inches (or 254 x 229 cm)

Bathroom

Bathroom cabinet depth: 18-20"

Bathroom cabinet height: 29"-32"

Towel Bar Height: 48" above floor

Toilet paper holder Height: 27 & 1/2 inches above floor

Window Treatments

Valance Height: No less than 1/4 and no more than 1/3 of your window height. That's why most pre-made valances are 15-18" because the majority of standard windows are anywhere from 45-72" tall.

Draperies/window treatments: When hanging a drapery rod or track it should be installed at least 2" above the window frame and anywhere between 6" and 16" beyond each side.

Curtains and drapes should always kiss the floor (or puddle on it). A very common decorating mistake is to hang curtains that are too short and don't reach the floor.

Artwork

Whenever you're hanging art remember that it should be at eye-level. Many people make the mistake of hanging art too high. You shouldn't have to lift your head to look at the piece

Eye Level: 60 to 65 inches from the floor to the center of the art

Relate Art to Wall Size

Choose smaller pictures for narrow walls and larger works for big wall spaces.

Relate Art to Furniture Size keep the size within 75% of the width of the furniture piece you are hanging it above

* One of the most common places to hang artwork in the living room is above the sofa. If this is the case in your space make sure to get a piece that isn't too large or too small. The piece of art should be about two-thirds the width of the sofa.

To prevent the art from being too low: hang the bottom of the frame about 8" to 10" from the top of the sofa back.

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