

Furniture sizes and spacing cheat sheet

Typical dimensions for nine pieces of furniture, with the spacing rules that make a room work.

Sofa

Length: 72 to 96 in · Depth: 30 to 38 in · Height: 30 to 36 in

Leave 30 to 36 inches for main walkways and about 18 inches between the sofa and the coffee table (Raymour & Flanigan).

Loveseat

Length: 52 to 72 in · Depth: 30 to 38 in · Height: 30 to 36 in

A loveseat seats two and pairs with a sofa or works alone in small rooms.

Sectional sofa

L-shape length: 90 to 120+ in · U-shape length: 120 to 160+ in · Chaise depth: 90 to 110 in

Sectionals arrive in pieces, which makes tight doorways easier than with a one-piece sofa.

Coffee table

Length: About 2/3 of sofa length · Height: Seat height, or 1 to 2 in lower · Typical height: 16 to 18 in

For a 60 inch sofa, a 40 inch coffee table keeps the two-thirds proportion (Wayfair).

Dining table

Height: 28 to 30 in · Seats 4: 60 in and under · Seats 6: Up to 80 in

Living Spaces calls a 7 foot (about 84 inch) table the sweet spot for six to eight.

Bar stool

Bar height surface: About 42 in · Bar stool seat: 28 to 30 in · Gap seat to counter: 10 to 12 in

Measure from the floor to the underside of the counter, then subtract 10 to 12 inches.

Counter stool

Counter height: About 36 in · Counter stool seat: 24 to 26 in · Gap seat to counter: 10 to 12 in

Counter-height tables run about 34 to 36 inches tall.

Desk

Typical height: 29 to 30 in · Ergonomic range: 28 to 30 in · Leg clearance (OSHA): 20 to 28 in high

OSHA notes that desks that are too high or too low can lead to awkward postures, and suggests height-adjustable desks.

Patio dining table

Per guest: 24 in of shoulder room · Depth per guest: At least 15 in · Clearance: At least 36 in all sides

Trex says an eight-seat rectangle takes less floor space than an eight-seat square.