

Spacing Recommendations

A simple reference for furniture placement that breathes

Living Room

Coffee table to sofa: 14–18 inches.

Sofa to TV: at least 1.5x the screen's diagonal measurement.

Walkways: leave 30–36 inches of clear path through the room.

Area rug: front legs of all seating should rest on the rug; ideally 6–10 inches of rug extends beyond the sofa on each side.

Dining Room

Chair clearance: 36 inches from table edge to wall (42–48 inches if it's a walking path).

Chandelier: hang 30–36 inches above the table; width should be roughly half the table's width.

Sideboard: leave 6 inches between chair backs and the buffet when chairs are pushed in.

Bedroom

Nightstands: align top with the mattress, or 24–28 inches off the floor.

Walking space: leave 24–36 inches around the bed.

Art above the bed: bottom of the frame 6–8 inches above the headboard.

Art & Wall Decor

Center artwork at 57–60 inches from the floor (gallery standard).

Above furniture: art should be 2/3 to 3/4 the width of the piece below it, hung 6–10 inches above.

Lighting Layers

Every room deserves three layers: ambient (overhead), task (reading, cooking), and accent (lamps, sconces, candles). Use dimmers wherever possible.