

The Perfect Bar Top Proportions

Your complete measurement sheet for a comfortable, professional home bar.

You are about to build a perfectly proportioned home bar for your next gathering. Use this cheat sheet to nail the exact heights, overhangs, and hidden supports so everyone can comfortably enjoy one more round.

● Standard Bar Clearances

42 in

classic bar top height

12 in

knee space at 42 in top

30 in

matching seat for taller bars

36 in

lower counter top height

15 in

knee overhang at 36 in counter

24 in

elbow room, lower seat, cabinet depth

8 in

foot rail height to tubing center

18 in

minimum hidden steel bracket spacing

Purse Hooks Under Lip

Install unlacquered brass purse hooks under the front lip, centered between seats and tucked tightly against the back of the drop edge to remain completely invisible.



● Installing The Wood Top

- 1 Anchor the Base** Secure base cabinets directly to floor joists before measuring overhangs so the heavy top cannot tip forward.
- 2 Route Bracket Channels** Carve notches 1/8-inch deeper than your 3/8-inch or 1/2-inch thick flat steel brackets for a flush fit.
- 3 Seal the Underside** Apply equal finish coats to the bottom surface to prevent uneven moisture absorption and severe warping.
- 4 Use Slotted Holes** Drive mounting screws into the center of slotted screw holes with wide metal washers for seasonal expansion.

● Adjusting For Your Components

Find your row: **Your selected part**

Your selected part	Your pick	Why
Commercial bar styling	2-inch tubing	Visually anchors heavy tops
Smaller home setup	1.5-inch tubing	Proportional and rigid
Armrests or swivels	28 inch minimum spacing	Prevents frustrating collisions and wood damage

● Measurements To Verify Onsite

- ☐ Measure total edge-to-edge length to determine your maximum stool count.
- ☐ Check thickness of planned decorative front aprons or drop edges.
- ☐ Confirm base cabinets plus overhang and 1-inch lip equal 37 inches.
- ☐ Ensure extended depths do not block necessary walkway clearances behind stools.
- ☐ Set foot rail back from the edge for natural knee bending.
- ☐ Cap exposed tubing ends with decorative end caps or flush flanges.

● Project Notes & Measurements

Cheers to building a beautiful, welcoming space where everyone wants to gather!