Grill Island Build Sheet

Map your footprint, clearances, and cinder block counts

Planning an outdoor kitchen is exciting, but spatial planning is key. Use this sheet to map your footprint, lock in your materials, and get your clearances right the first time.



Key Island Dimensions

42 in
Hoverer ledge for raised seating

36 in
Prep counter & chef walkway

30 in
Island depth & stool seat height

24 in
Landing zone beside the grill

18 in
Extra serving area opposite grill

10-12 in
Cantilevered overhang for legroom

6-8 ft
Minimum linear length

1/4 in per ft
Patio pitch for drainage

Cure the Stucco Finish

Mist your surface-bonding cement with a garden hose twice a day for the first weekend. This slows drying and yields a rock-hard shell against the hot sun.

Core Construction Sequence

1. **Stack the Core** Dry-stack 8x8x16-inch blocks in a running bond, adding stainless vents on opposite ends.
2. **Reinforce Cells** Drop vertical rebar into corners and every third cell, filling with high-strength concrete.
3. **Frame Cutouts** Support the blocks directly above access gaps with a simple galvanized steel lintel.
4. **Add Lighting** Tuck low-voltage LED hardscape lights under counter overhangs to illuminate the pavers.

Cinder Block Count

Linear Feet	Blocks per course
6	9 blocks
8	12 blocks
10	15 blocks

Multiply by your total number of courses for the final count.

Clearances & Cutouts

Find your row: **Your Setup**

Your Setup	Your pick	Why
Behind seated guests	48-inch clearance	Move without bumping chairs
Combustible overhangs	10-foot clearance	Prevents fire hazards
Appliance cutouts	Add a half-inch	Doors slide in easily

Check Before You Build

- ◯ Find wind direction so the grill sits downwind from dining.
- ◯ Tape footprint on the porcelain grill pad to check scale.
- ◯ Verify municipal property setbacks before pouring any concrete.
- ◯ Consult a professional for exact electrical and gas trenching depths.
- ◯ Install heavy-duty steel corbels before the final stucco coat.

Project Notes

Here's to perfectly planned spaces and unforgettable backyard barbecues with your favorite people!