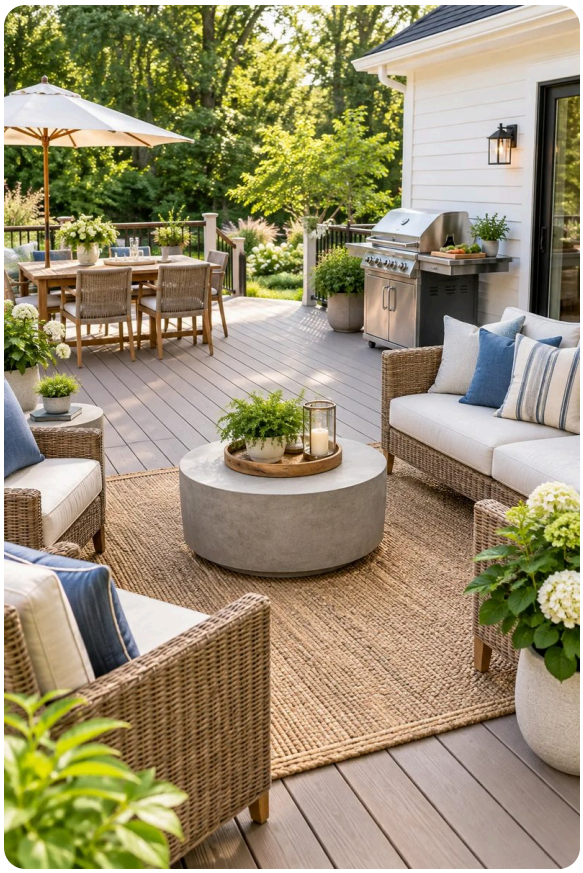
Deck Layout Board-Count Sheet

Convert standard clearances into a foolproof visual grid.

Your deck boards = a ruler underfoot. This built-in grid helps you map out distinct zones without constantly referencing a tape measure.



Key Measurements & Gaps

5.75 inches
Measure 5.5-in board + 0.25-in gap

7.25 inches
Wide-plank composite board width

3 boards
Open grill prep zone on sides

4 boards
Gas fire pit central knee clearance

2 boards
Side table gap & secondary path

Anchor the lounge

Place the front legs on the rug to create a distinct visual boundary that connects the seating arrangement and softens the rigid wooden geometry beneath your feet.

Board-Count Conversions

Find your row: **Your layout zone**

Your layout zone	Your pick	Why
Dining table push-back	5 std / 4 wide boards	Allows ~29 inches behind guests
Main traffic lane	6 std / 5 wide boards	Creates a clear ~36-inch path
Grill safety buffer	4 std / 3 wide boards	Keeps ~24 inches from siding
Coffee table gap	3 std / 2 wide boards	Ideal ~17-inch reach for drinks
Lounge conversation area	17 std / 13 wide boards	Anchors a ~96-inch seating area

6-Step Tape-Out Checklist

- [ ] Clear the deck completely of planters and old furniture.
- [ ] Tape the stair lane from the door to stairs.
- [ ] Tape the dining table center and measure chair push-back.
- [ ] Outline the 8-ft talking circle to anchor lounge seating.
- [ ] Mark the grill's safety buffer away from house siding.
- [ ] Outline the exact coffee table footprint on your rug.

Check Before Finalizing

- ○ Measure clearances with grill hood and lower cabinet doors fully open.
- ○ Account for the heavy umbrella base when positioning center dining chairs.
- ○ Ensure the open umbrella canopy clears house eaves and string lights.
- ○ Verify your deck boards = a ruler before placing heavy furniture.

Layout Notes & Measurements

Grab your painter's tape and map out your perfect patio in under an hour!