Buffet Sizing & Party-Switch Sheet

Convert your beautiful everyday display into a functional serving station.

Style a perfectly balanced focal point that transitions for weekend hosting in minutes. Use these precise measurements and proven layout strategies to effortlessly serve your guests.



Key Buffet Dimensions

⅔ width
Mirror span vs. buffet width

4-6 in
Hang height above the wood

Pea-sized dot
Museum wax under vases

1 flat mat
Silicone mat in runner folds

2 bowl sizes
Upturned bowls = tiers under linen

12 in
Min. gap for hot dishes

Cordless Tray Lighting

Use a cordless lamp on your wooden tray to avoid trailing wires. This keeps your everyday vignette completely self-contained and easy to slide away.

Tray-Vignette Shopping List

- [ ] Single wooden tray to ground the everyday display
- [ ] Cordless lamp for wire-free, self-contained lighting
- [ ] Museum wax to secure delicate breakables firmly
- [ ] Everyday decorative objects and lightweight vases

Mirror & Art Sizing

Find your row: **Your buffet width**

Your buffet width	Your pick	Why
48 inches	32 inches wide	Maintains intentional negative space
60 inches	40 inches wide	Prevents a top-heavy wall
72 inches	48 inches wide	Perfectly balanced focal point

Top-Drawer Party Kit

- [ ] Folded rust linen napkins stacked vertically
- [ ] Extra unscented taper candles for centerpieces
- [ ] Heavy brass bottle opener and corkscrew
- [ ] Blank cardstock for elegant food labels
- [ ] Dedicated serving tongs and slotted spoons

5-Step Saturday Serving Transition

1. **Clear the center** Slide the grounded wooden tray to the far left edge of the furniture.
2. **Pull party supplies** Grab napkins and openers from your dedicated top drawer party kit.
3. **Heat-proof the wood** Place flat silicone heat mats directly on the wood under the runner.
4. **Set bowl tiers** Place upturned heavy-bottomed ceramic bowls under the linen for architectural height.
5. **Add heavy boards** Rest flat wooden cheese and bread boards on the hidden bowl tiers last.

Hosting & Layout Notes

Enjoy your beautifully styled buffet and seamless weekend hosting!