Dining Room Accent Wall Planner

Choose the perfect wall, test colors, and install perfectly spaced molding.

Plan your flawless weekend room transformation with this complete guide. Confidently calculate your materials and execute a beautifully tailored space.



Key Dimensions & Values

15-25
LRV for deep olive green paint

32-36 in
Chair rail height from the floor

3.5-4.0 in
Molding box spacing gap

+ 15 %
Extra primed molding for angled waste

8 in
Art gap above your buffet top

Judge It At Dinnertime

Tape swatches behind your buffet lamp for three nights to observe how your specific evening lighting and bulbs shift the green undertones before buying paint.

Flawless Installation Sequence

1. **Prime the raw wood** Apply a high-adhesion stain-blocking primer to bare pine to prevent natural tannins from bleeding through.
2. **Secure the molding boxes** Attach with construction adhesive and 18-gauge brad nails shot at alternating angles every eight inches.
3. **Caulk and fill holes** Smooth elastomeric caulk along seams and fill brad holes with shrink-free wood filler before sanding.
4. **Paint the wall color** Keep molding in wall color using a washable matte finish to hide drywall imperfections beautifully.

The Which-Wall Test

- [ ] Faces the doorway for an immediate focal point
- [ ] Lacks doors or windows for unbroken molding boxes
- [ ] Anchors heavy furniture like your primary sideboard
- [ ] Receives cross-light from a perpendicular window

Measurements & Layout Checks

- ○ Locate the exact physical wall center using a steel tape measure.
- ○ Align middle of dining table directly with this central wall mark.
- ○ Check bulb temperature: warm incandescents pull yellow, cool LEDs look icy.
- ○ Map boxes with low-tack tape to calculate total linear molding footage.
- ○ Cut a 3.5-inch scrap wood block for a physical spacing shortcut.

Chair Rail Placement

Find your row: **Your existing baseboards**

Your existing baseboards	Your pick	Why
Tall 6-inch historic baseboards	Push toward 36 inches	Prevents a cramped lower wall section
Standard height baseboards	Match to dining chairs	Keep just above or below backrest

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully tailored dining room and all the memorable dinners ahead!