

Exterior Measurement & Contrast Cheat Sheet

Measure, space, and color-match your exterior updates with absolute confidence.

Create a welcoming, balanced front porch using this exact spacing and contrast guide. Find the perfect heights, gaps, and ratios for your unique entryway.

● Key Exterior Measurements

24-36 in

evergreen foundation spacing from wall

30+ LRV

gap between siding and trim

66 in

sconce center height from floor

5 in

floating nums for readable street scale

1/2 in

shadow gap behind mounting hardware

1/4 to 1/3

sconce size relative to door

6 in

bottom rug extension past mat

2 in

cedar mulch layer thickness

Soften Your Landscaping

Mix rigid boxwoods with softer ornamental grasses to keep the foundation planting from looking too formal or stiff.



● Color Contrast & Finish Guide

Find your row: **Exterior surface**

Exterior surface	Your pick	Why
Main Siding	75-85 LRV, Satin or Eggshell	Warm and bright
Window Trim	10-25 LRV, Semi-gloss	Crisp framing
Front Door	15-30 LRV, High-gloss	Focal grounding
Porch Ceiling	80-90 LRV, Flat	Lifts the space

● Natural Wood Door Protection

- 1 Prep the surface** Sand the entire door lightly with 220-grit paper to remove old flaking clear coats.
- 2 Clean thoroughly** Wipe away all dust with a clean, lint-free tack cloth for proper adhesion.
- 3 Apply protection** Brush three thin coats of marine-grade varnish in the direction of the grain.
- 4 Dry and maintain** Allow 24 hours drying time between layers; reapply a fresh topcoat every two to three years.

● Site Checks & Hardware Details

- Test large paint swatches on both north and south sides.
- Install warm 2700K LED bulbs to highlight natural wood tones.
- Center stacked numbers vertically on the column facing the street.
- Place heavy planters on hinged side with invisible rubber risers.
- Blend rich organic compost into native dirt before setting roots.
- Select powder-coated matte black finish to resist fading and rust.

● Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully balanced, welcoming new entryway every time you come home!