

Gallery Wall Spacing Cheat Sheet

Map out a perfectly spaced arrangement and hang frames with confidence.

Designing a flawless family picture wall requires precise math and structural balance. Use this layout grid to create a tight, cohesive architectural unit.

● Key Measurements

57 inches

Center line height from the floor

2 inches

Exact spacing between adjacent frames

8-10 inches

Negative space above the credenza

24 inches

Spirit level length for straight foundation

12 inches

Pencil guidelines along the leveled axis

Max 3 inches

Gap limit before frames float aimlessly

Secure the bottom corners

Roll a pea-sized amount of removable mounting putty and press firmly behind the lower corners to permanently lock your flawless grid against shifting.



● Balance the visual weight

Find your row: **Frame Size**

Frame Size	Your pick	Why
16x20 inches	Center axis	Anchors the arrangement
11x14 inches	Inner perimeter	Bridges large and small pieces
8x10 inches	Outer corners	Softens the grid edges

● Flawless installation sequence

- 1

Level the axis Tape the primary line and verify it is mathematically parallel to the floor architecture.
- 2

Map with paper Trace frames onto kraft paper and tape to the wall to rehearse your composition.
- 3

Anchor frame first Create a gravitational core that holds surrounding pieces and prevents a chaotic arrangement.
- 4

Bottom-weighted mats Swap these in to ground the images and add subtle architectural sophistication.
- 5

Mix the finishes Alternate similarly thin matte black and natural oak frames for warm, organic texture.

● Checks before you drill

- Print on matte paper to absorb ambient light and prevent harsh glare.
- Confirm hard wooden spacer blocks unify photos into one curated statement.
- Ensure the primary leveled axis honors proportions and anchors room energy.
- Check that all frame profiles match in physical depth and width.
- Verify your tallest styled vase stays below the credenza clearance boundary.

● Layout notes

Enjoy your beautifully curated, deeply personal modern gallery wall!