

Budget Farmhouse Sourcing Cheat Sheet

Achieve a curated, high-end farmhouse aesthetic without retail markups.

Transform your living space with affordable materials and strategic thrift store finds. Use this guide to source, space, and style your farmhouse decor.

● Signature Elements

Hollow 1x6 pine boxes

Lightweight beams secured over ceiling cleats

Sprayed matte black

Modernizes fixtures and hides surface scratches

Slub linen slipcover

Breathable natural texture for the sofa

Nickel-spaced planks

Creates historic architectural character on walls

Thrifted ironstone

Heavy vintage ceramics with maker's marks

Consistent Plank Spacing

Wedge actual nickels between your boards during installation to guarantee a uniform 1/16 of an inch gap across the entire accent wall without expensive specialty spacers.



● Lumber Sizing Guide

Find your row: **Your project type**

Your project type	Your pick	Why
Wall trim	1x4 boards	Actual width is 3.5 inches
Ceiling beams	Nominal 6-inch	Measures 3/4 by 5.5 inches
Open shelves	1x8 boards	Actual width is 7.25 inches

● Thrift & Hardware Sourcing

- ☐ Rip four-by-eight underlayment sheets into six-inch strips.
- ☐ Check the underside of ceramics for stamped maker's marks.
- ☐ Test lamp wiring before purchasing vintage lighting fixtures.
- ☐ Inspect organic slipcovers for tears along the seams.
- ☐ Measure your wall spaces before buying large art.
- ☐ Search local salvage yards for authentic historical barn beams.
- ☐ Layer a vintage grain sack pillow over solid cream.

● Prep & Styling Checks

- ☐ Verify ceiling joist locations to secure solid two-by-four cleats.
- ☐ Scuff metal with fine-grit steel wool to remove factory clear coat.
- ☐ Wait ten minutes between passes of bonding primer on metal.
- ☐ Let the final color coat cure fully for forty-eight hours.
- ☐ Group three pitchers of varying heights for a visual triangle.
- ☐ Crush woody branch stems with a hammer to maximize hydration.

● My Sourcing Notes

Patience and strategic sourcing guarantee a stunning farmhouse aesthetic without premium retail prices!