Front Patio Spacing Guide

Balance privacy, seating, and walkways with real designer clearances.

Map out a functional front yard retreat that feels welcoming without sacrificing traffic flow. Use these designer dimensions to arrange every zone perfectly.



Designer Clearances

36 in
mature grass height for seated screen

48 in min
guest bypass walkway width

15-30 degrees
inward angle for seating setup

4-6 in
width for permeable gravel edge

45 degrees
upward angle for anchor tree uplight

14-18 in
clearance between seat edge and table

24 in min
walk space behind edge-backed chairs

Position the anchor tree

Anchor the corner nearest your house with a compact ornamental tree. Aim a 2700K LED uplight slightly off-center to beautifully capture the canopy texture at night.

Furniture Layout Minimums

Find your row: **Planned seating setup**

Planned seating setup	Your pick	Why
Two chairs and table	8 by 6 ft	leaves breathing room around edges
Four chairs circular	10 by 10 ft	allows free movement without crowding
Sofa and two chairs	12 by 10 ft	fits standard seating very comfortably

Installing the Permeable Edge

1. **Cut the trench** Excavate a vertical wall exactly 4 inches deep along the lawn side.
2. **Add weed barrier** Line the trench bottom and tuck edges under pavers to stop weeds.
3. **Fill with stone** Use 1 to 2-inch smooth river rocks that stay put during heavy rainstorms.

Pre-Digging Site Checks

- ○ Call 811 to mark utility lines before digging any trench.
- ○ Check HOA guidelines for required street setbacks and zoning rules.
- ○ Measure slope to ensure water drains away from your foundation.
- ○ Leave at least 36 inches clearance from the public sidewalks.
- ○ Ensure a 1-inch drop per 4 feet for pathway drainage.

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your beautiful, welcoming new front patio retreat!