

Fireplace Layout & Measurement Cheat Sheet

Arrange your tight living room for cozy seating and clear walkways.

Master your challenging floor plan with these tested clearances and styling steps. Build your room outward from a stunning dark focal wall to a breathable conversation zone.

● Key Clearances & Distances

36 in

Route traffic behind floating sofa

14-18 in

Clearance around round coffee table

1.5x TV diagonal

Distance to your main seating

42 in

TV center height from floor

Swivels save clearance

Position compact swivel chairs facing the hearth. Rotating bases completely eliminate the traditional push-back room standard armchairs require when guests stand up.



Select The Right Paint Finish

Find your row: Your surface location

Your surface location	Your pick	Why
Upper fireplace walls	Matte finish	Very low light reflection
High-traffic surrounds	Eggshell finish	Low reflection, high durability
Wood mantels only	Satin finish	Medium reflection, very durable

Check Before You Install

- ☐ Test screen angle against afternoon window glare before drilling into masonry.
- ☐ Verify your textured area rug overlaps all front furniture legs securely.
- ☐ Check that lightweight curtain panels stack tightly without intruding on walkways.

Styling Your Tight Hearth

- ☐ Paint the fireplace bump-out deep charcoal to hide the TV.
- ☐ Lean a large framed print off-center on the mantel.
- ☐ Balance art with a trailing plant on the opposite side.
- ☐ Support backs with one lumbar pillow per swivel chair.
- ☐ Flank the fireplace with dimmable wall sconces for ambient glow.
- ☐ Build low cabinets into alcoves to conceal visual clutter.

Room Measurements & Notes

Enjoy your beautifully balanced, breathable and inviting living room!