The Curb-Size Entry Measuring Sheet

Scale your porch lights, planters, and rugs perfectly to your front door.

Stop guessing at scale and start using your front door as the foundational baseline. These concrete numbers dictate the perfect proportions for a harmonious, welcoming facade.



Your Proportional Scale

1/4 door height
Sconce height to anchor upper half

Center near eye level
Sconce mounting height on exterior siding

5-inch minimum
House number size for street readability

1/3 door height
Fully planted tall container height

Wider than outer casing
Base rug footprint for grounding

Matches door panel width
Top coir mat exact width

High-Gloss Door Enamel
A covered porch swallows light. Apply high-gloss enamel to bounce ambient light and reflect greenery, making your color pop brilliantly in the shadows.

Your Baseline Measurements

- [ ] Measure primary door panel height from metal threshold to top edge.
- [ ] Measure door panel width, explicitly excluding glass side lights or trim.
- [ ] Measure total width of the outer door casing for rug layers.
- [ ] Check existing door hardware to match your metal finishes cohesively.
- [ ] Select flat-weave synthetic base rugs like recycled PET plastic for durability.
- [ ] Double-check your vertical sconce placement on the exterior siding before drilling.

Proportioned Porch Styles

- [ ] Modern Farmhouse: Copper gooseneck lights with galvanized olive buckets.
- [ ] Classic Traditional: Brass lanterns, cast stone urns, glossy red door.
- [ ] Coastal Cottage: Nautical caged sconces and white slatted hydrangea planters.

Aligning Your House Numbers

Find your row: **Available architectural space**

Available architectural space	Your pick	Why
Narrow trim under 6 inches	Vertical stack alignment	Leave 1 inch between digits
Wide horizontal structural beam	Horizontal line placement	Centered directly over the door
Expansive blank wall	Staggered or oversized digits	Align vertically with sconce height

Planter Fill-Depth Chart

Find your row: **Big pot interior layers**

Big pot interior layers	Your pick	Why
Bottom base layer	Upturned nursery pot	Hidden filler keeps planter light
Middle drainage zone	Empty space around filler	Drastically improves water drainage
Top planted tier	Winter Gem or Green Velvet	Elevates root ball to height

Porch Planning Notes

Enjoy your perfectly proportioned entryway, welcoming guests with beautiful, intentional architectural scale!