

Picture Wall Layout Cheat Sheet

Map out a perfectly balanced gallery wall that always works for your space.

You can hang a beautifully balanced gallery using these precise measurements. Skip the guesswork and build a layout that interacts perfectly with your room!

● Key Gallery Proportions

2/3

Of available wall or furniture width

1.5 in

Compact gap for tight spaces

3

Distinct frame finishes to mix evenly

6 in

Gap above low-profile seating

2 in

Shift to bypass wall obstacles

Use a spacer block

Ditch the tape measure! Cut a small wood block to your desired gap dimension. Wedging it between frames guarantees identical spacing and eliminates compounding mathematical errors.



● The Hanging Sequence

- 1 Find the center axis** Map the horizontal midpoint of your entire arrangement exactly 57 inches from the floor.
- 2 Anchor piece first** Position your heaviest artwork slightly off-center using D-ring hooks to establish gravity for smaller frames.
- 3 Clear the sofa back** Leave exactly 8 inches of breathing room above your sofa cushion to the lowest frame.
- 4 Counterbalance the weight** Pull the eye across by hanging a pair of high-contrast pieces diagonally opposite your anchor.
- 5 Secure the final grid** Press a pea-sized ball of archival museum putty onto bottom corners to lock spacing permanently.

● Ideal Gallery Widths

Find your row: **Wall or Sofa Width**

Wall or Sofa Width	Your pick	Why
72-inch sofa	48 inches	Covers two-thirds of width
84-inch wall	56 inches	Prevents a floating island look
96-inch sofa	64 inches	Anchors the collection naturally
120-inch wall	80 inches	Maintains visual symmetry

● What to check on site

- Scan designated zone for light switches, thermostats, and electrical outlets.
- Measure furniture height from the highest point of the cushions.
- Verify if low-profile sofa backs sit lower than 30 inches.
- Test layouts dynamically by tracing frames onto kraft paper templates.
- Check your frames with a small torpedo level seasonally.

● 5 Proven Grid Layouts

- ☐ Classic symmetrical grid for a calming, orderly bedroom atmosphere.
- ☐ Organic spiral building outward from a heavy anchor piece.
- ☐ Moody maximalist tightly packed against a dark paint color.
- ☐ Stepped center line measured from individual staircase treads.
- ☐ Bright bohemian organic flow weaving in sculptural objects.

● Layout Notes & Measurements

Grab your hammer and enjoy your perfectly balanced, beautiful new gallery wall!