

Clearance Measurement Cheat Sheet

Master your narrow living room layout without the guesswork.

Stop guessing where your furniture goes and use these exact measurements to arrange distinct zones. You will keep the center open and finally master your awkward layout.

● Essential Clearances

36 in minimum

Main straight walkway on one side

18 in exactly

Clearance to round coffee table

34 in maximum

Shallow sofa depth for tight layouts

30 in minimum

Desk chair pull-out at far end

60 in exactly

Wall sconce height above the floor

Stop Rug at Walkway

Size your area rug to end exactly where your main traffic lane begins. Leaving the wooden walkway bare creates a sharp boundary without a physical divider.



● **Adapt to Your Space**

Find your row: **Room Feature**

Room Feature	Your pick	Why
Long unused back wall	Anchor with a desk	Creates a purposeful secondary destination
Tightest physical width	Inside-mount minimal shades	Prevents heavy drapes from intruding
Dark receding corners	Add tall floor lamp	Pushes the side walls outward
Oppressive long walls	Hang a large mirror	Visually doubles the room width

● **Check Before Moving Furniture**

- ☐ Measure total room width from baseboard to baseboard.
- ☐ Mark the walkway edge directly on the floor with painter's tape.
- ☐ Calculate remaining width available for your primary seating zone.

● **Layout & Furniture Moves**

- ☐ Choose a round coffee table to soften harsh rectangular geometry.
- ☐ Float accent chairs slightly inward for a cozy conversation zone.
- ☐ Keep slim wall-mounted media consoles completely flush opposite seating.
- ☐ Select leggy seating to let continuous floorboards trick the eye.
- ☐ Use floating wall shelves to keep critical floor area clear.
- ☐ Distribute heavy and light furniture evenly from front to back.

● **Room Dimensions & Notes**

Enjoy your airy living room that finally feels intentional, functional, and perfectly balanced!