

Small Space Clearance Cheat Sheet

Exact spacing rules and strategic placement to let your open plan breathe.

Mastering a small living room dining room combo requires exact spacing to maintain an airy feel. Arrange and zone your combo room with absolute confidence.

● Critical Clearances

Minimum 36 in

main walkway from sofa to chairs

Under 34 in

sofa acts as divider for sightlines

14-18 in

from sofa front to coffee table

At least 3 in

bare floor; rug stops at walkway

Minimum 24 in

dining chair push-out clearance

36-42 in

round table for no-corner traffic flow

30-36 in

low pendant anchors space above tabletop

1/2 to 2/3

pendant diameter relative to table width



Visual Harmony Rule

Limit your primary color palette to three core shades, distributing them unevenly. This asymmetrical balance ensures the tight footprint feels dynamic, curated, and entirely unified.

● Sizing Your Zone Boundaries

Find your row: **Room Width**

Room Width	Your pick	Why
Under 10 feet	5x8 foot rug	Leaves a three-foot gap
10 to 12 feet	6x9 foot rug	Maintains three-foot corridor
12 to 14 feet	8x10 foot rug	Leaves a 42-inch gap
Over 14 feet	9x12 foot rug	Leaves a 48-inch gap

● Before You Place Furniture

- Measure total living zone depth from media wall to proposed sofa.
- Verify the living room rug stops before the traffic path begins.
- Check that the main central corridor is completely empty of decor.
- Ensure your armless dining chairs can tuck completely under the tabletop.

● Room Measurements & Notes

Enjoy your beautifully zoned, airy open plan that finally flows with perfect ease.