Open-Plan Zoning Measurement Sheet

Arrange your under 500 sq ft loft with clear walkways and distinct rooms.

Confidently space your living and sleeping areas without blocking natural light. Use these foundational measurements to arrange furniture, hang dividers, and create distinct rooms inside a single open space.



Core Zoning Dimensions

8x10 ft
Rug size to anchor lounge zone

36 in
Walkway paths and dining bar height

60 in
Pendant base height above the floor

1/3 table width
Pendant scale relative to coffee table

14-18 in
Sofa to coffee table clearance

10-12 in
Dining bar to stools clearance

24 in min
Clearance behind tucked dining stools

24-30 in
Bed to room divider clearance

Choose The Right Fabric

Select lightweight linen or cotton voile for your drapes. Opaque blackout curtains will visually chop the small loft in half and starve the living space of natural illumination.

Core Layout Features

- [ ] Stepped shelving unit: Drop height toward the window.
- [ ] Ceiling track drapes: Create a soft, retractable visual boundary.
- [ ] Sofa-back dining bar: Place tight against a floating sofa.
- [ ] Swag hook over table: Center your off-center pendant lighting.
- [ ] Zone with area rug: Leave a bare floor perimeter.

Before You Finalize

- ○ Measure primary walkways to ensure clear two-way traffic.
- ○ Verify window light paths remain unblocked by tall furniture.
- ○ Test stool pull-out clearance against the sofa back.
- ○ Check structural walls to safely anchor the tallest bookcase side.
- ○ Ensure a perimeter of bare flooring remains around your rug.

Divider Styling Sequence

Find your row: **Shelf Tier**

Shelf Tier	Your pick	Why
Bottom tier	Heavy books & solid baskets	Anchors without blocking light
Middle shelves	Sculptural objects & glass vases	Lets light pass through
Topmost surfaces	Leave completely bare	Emphasizes architectural shape

Layout Notes

Enjoy your beautifully zoned loft—small footprints can hold expansive living!