

Small Bath Clearance Cheat Sheet

Confidently arrange your tight footprint with these spatial design tricks and measurements.

Maximize your narrow layout by positioning every fixture perfectly. Use these baseline clearances to make your compact bathroom feel incredibly spacious.

● Clearances & Dimensions

21-30 in

Toilet and vanity front clearance

15-18 in

Toilet side clearance from center

30x30 - 36x36 in

Shower footprint, min vs recommended

60-65 in

Sconce height for face level

34-36 in

Floating vanity height off floor

24-30 in

Frameless glass panel fixed width

4-6 in

Recessed wall storage stud depth

Up to 10 sq ft

Space saved by pocket door

Offset Sink Placement

Always align your vanity mirror and flanking sconces strictly with the offset sink basin, rather than attempting to center them over the entire cabinet width.



● Design Tricks For Your Space

Find your row: **Your biggest constraint**

Your biggest constraint	Your pick	Why
Low ceiling height	Vertical stacked tile	Draws the eye upward immediately
Claustrophobic shower zone	Frameless glass panel	Removes jarring visual layout barriers
Tight vanity surface	Offset sink placement	Creates a contiguous prep block
Choppy floor transitions	Linear drain at wall	Allows continuous large format flooring

● Measure Before You Buy

- ☐ Confirm the door swing path completely clears all cabinetry.
- ☐ Measure the toilet centerline distance to the nearest side wall.
- ☐ Verify the vanity depth leaves enough walking room.
- ☐ Check wall cavities for plumbing rerouting before planning floating vanities.
- ☐ Ensure stud bays provide needed depth for recessed wall storage.

● Room Notes & Measurements

Draft your floorplan around these proven rules for a generous, effortlessly functional layout.