Wet Bar Clearance Cheat Sheet

Measure, space, and install a perfectly proportioned wet bar alcove.

Plan your compact beverage station using this hidden layout logic. Use these exact clearances to ensure everything fits beautifully and functions safely.



Key Clearances

1/4 in
Drain slope per foot of run

1.5 in
Stone overhang protects base cabinet doors

Min 2 in
Side wall backsplash return prevents splashes

Min 4 in
AAV height above drain prevents fouling

8-10 in
Floating shelf and bar sink depth

Min 15 in
GFCI height above countertop conceals cords

18 in
Minimum sink base for wrench access

36 in
Counter height and minimum walkway clearance

Front-Venting Fridge Logic

For a flush built-in alcove, a front-venting fridge is a strict necessity. Position its dedicated receptacle in the adjacent cabinet so the appliance can sit completely back.

Finish Style by Room

Find your row: **Your alcove location**

Your alcove location	Your pick	Why
Basement entertainment zone	Dark charcoal and antiqued mirror	Creates a sophisticated speakeasy atmosphere
Dining room serving station	Dusty blue and polished nickel	Brings a breezy, relaxed elegance
Narrow hallway space	Sleek doors and concrete counter	Keeps visual clutter to a minimum
Practical farmhouse pantry	Copper sink and reclaimed wood	Adds rich, tactile material warmth
Standard study alcove	Emerald paint and veined marble	Creates a luxurious focal point

Pre-Installation Checks

- [ ] Verify beverage fridge door swings 90 degrees without striking adjacent baseboards.
- [ ] Check chosen sink depth leaves vertical room for trap and shutoff valves.
- [ ] Ensure your sink base provides enough internal cavity space for plumber's wrenches.
- [ ] Consult a licensed professional for dedicated compressor circuit electrical requirements.
- [ ] Keep vented AAV access unsealed behind a louvered panel to prevent siphoning.
- [ ] Apply silicone sealant where the countertop meets side walls for moisture protection.

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy mixing your favorite evening cocktails in your beautiful new space!