

Staircase Measurement & Styling Cheat Sheet

Perfectly proportion your runners, art, and lighting for a welcoming entryway.

Take the guesswork out of your entryway with exact designer precision. Ground your staircase visually while balancing daily utility and beautiful architecture.

● Key Placement Dimensions

57 in

Above tread to frame center

3 in

Exposed wood margin on each side

3-4

Steps between staggered wall sconces

2.5 in

Diagonal gap between gallery frames

2700 K

LED bulb temperature for warmth

1/3

Minimum planter to plant height ratio



Quick Plumb Line Guide

Tape a piece of string to the tread as a hanging guide to find the absolute center point for your baseline art piece on an angled wall.

● Installing the Runner Safely

- 1 Calculate total length** Add exact tread depth and riser height together, then multiply by your total step count.
- 2 Cut the hidden pad** Trim dense felt one inch narrower than the runner to create clean, recessed edges.
- 3 Staple under the nosing** Fasten underneath every two inches with hidden pneumatic staples to prevent dangerous sagging or shifting.
- 4 Finish the raw ends** Fold edges under securely and staple them flush against the riser baseboard to prevent fraying.

● Styling Your Architecture

Find your row: **Your stair materials**

Your stair materials	Your pick	Why
Black metal spindles	Ticking stripe runner	Adds texture against crisp white shiplap
Dark mahogany treads	Rich Persian runner	Elevates dark wood with timeless appeal
Painted white treads	Natural sisal runner	Creates a breezy, textured foundation

● Essential On-Site Checks

- Measure vertical height from the absolute center of the tread below.
- Check that the invisible gallery baseline runs parallel to the handrail.
- Have a professional wire smart dimmer switches for safe midnight navigation.
- Place an L-shaped stair basket on lowest treads to utilize space.
- Protect wood floors with a thick mat underneath heavy landing planters.
- Invest in non-reflective museum glass to prevent unpredictable foyer window glare.

● Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy transforming your functional staircase into a beautifully styled, welcoming focal point!