

Thanksgiving Table Spacing Map

Balance lush autumn aesthetics with strategic empty space for your serving platters.

Arrange a layered holiday table that guarantees exact space for every hot dish. Verify these spacing minimums before bringing out a single serving bowl.

● Table Spacing Map

14 in

Clear center channel for main platters

4x12 in

Lift-away vase trays with half-inch lip

13 in

Woven charger plates to ground settings

7/8 in base

Dripless taper candle clusters at ends

12 in

Twine lengths for linen napkin bundles

10 in

Spacing between side dish hot zones

8-12 in

Pre-set wood trivets for platter sizes

10.5 in

Ceramic dinner plates to fit chargers

Test Centerpiece Mobility

Fill bud vases only halfway with water and practice lifting the fully loaded wooden trays before guests arrive to ensure a smooth, balanced transition.



● **Setting Spacing Guide**

Find your row: **Dining Chair Width**

Dining Chair Width	Your pick	Why
Standard (up to 22 in)	24 in per setting	Ensures comfortable elbow room
Armchairs (over 22 in)	28 in per setting	Prevents awkward bumping during meals

● **Serving Zone Coordinates**

Find your row: **Your Platter Type**

Your Platter Type	Your pick	Why
Main turkey tray	Largest central trivet	Anchors the absolute center
Root vegetables & stuffing	Smaller side trivets	Reserves left and right flanks
Gravy boat stand	Leave table ends open	Keeps narrow ends perfectly accessible

● **Decor & Linen Checklist**

- ☐ Subtly speckled or matte ceramic dinner plates
- ☐ 3 bunches of seeded eucalyptus cut into 6-inch segments
- ☐ Bare wood table surface instead of a bulky tablecloth
- ☐ High-quality dripless wax columns for brass candlesticks
- ☐ Sage green linen napkins for a low profile
- ☐ 3-inch fresh rosemary sprigs to tuck into napkin twine

● **Pre-Decorating Checks**

- ☐ Measure a 2-inch gap between adjacent charger plates.
- ☐ Confirm greenery is kept strictly outside the serving channel.
- ☐ Dim the overhead dining room chandelier to 50 percent capacity.
- ☐ Verify your largest platters fit before adding delicate decor.

● **Room Dimensions & Notes**

Enjoy a beautifully balanced feast with plenty of room for every delicious dish!