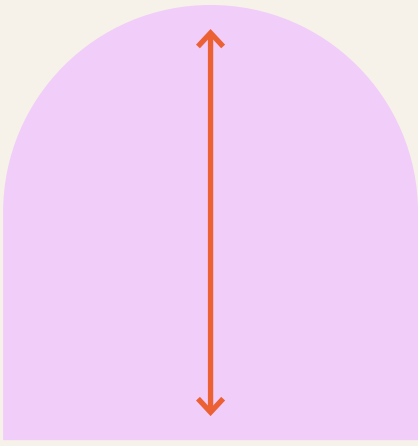
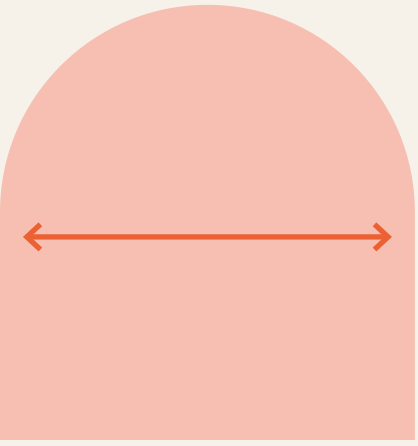
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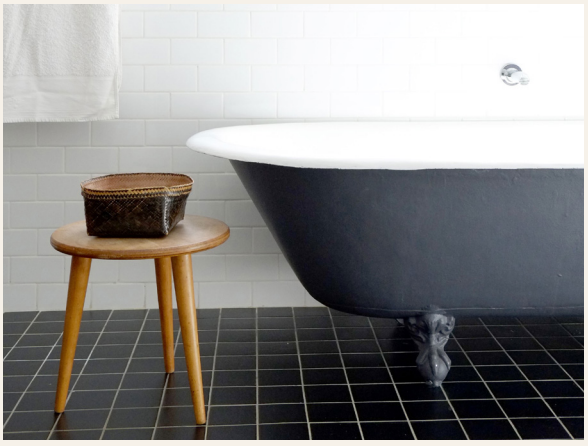
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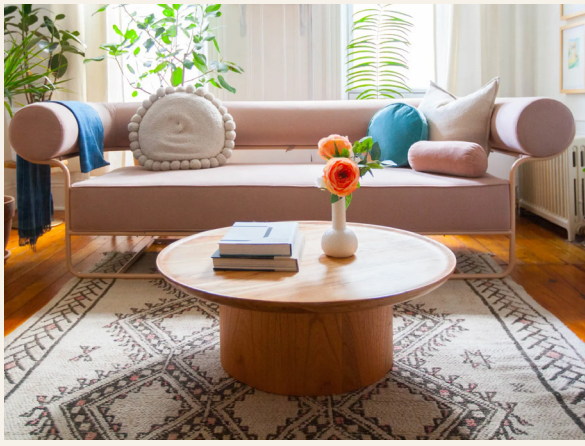












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**WHETHER YOU'RE** a renter or you own your home, there's something to be said for knowing your home's key numbers. "Square footage" is probably the first term that comes to mind, since real estate agents love to throw that number out as shorthand for a home's size. And while it's true that square footage can give you a good idea of how much space you'll have to fill with furniture, artwork, lighting, and more, this number's just the beginning. The good news? You don't always need a notebook or tape measure to design your dream space. This cheat sheet will give you all the magic numbers for decorating your home.

# Decorating by the Numbers


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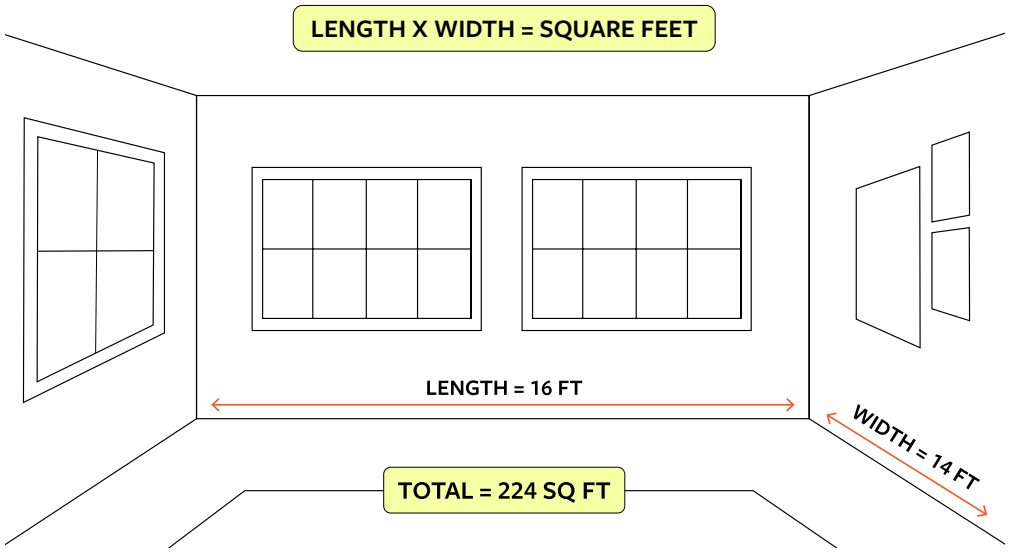
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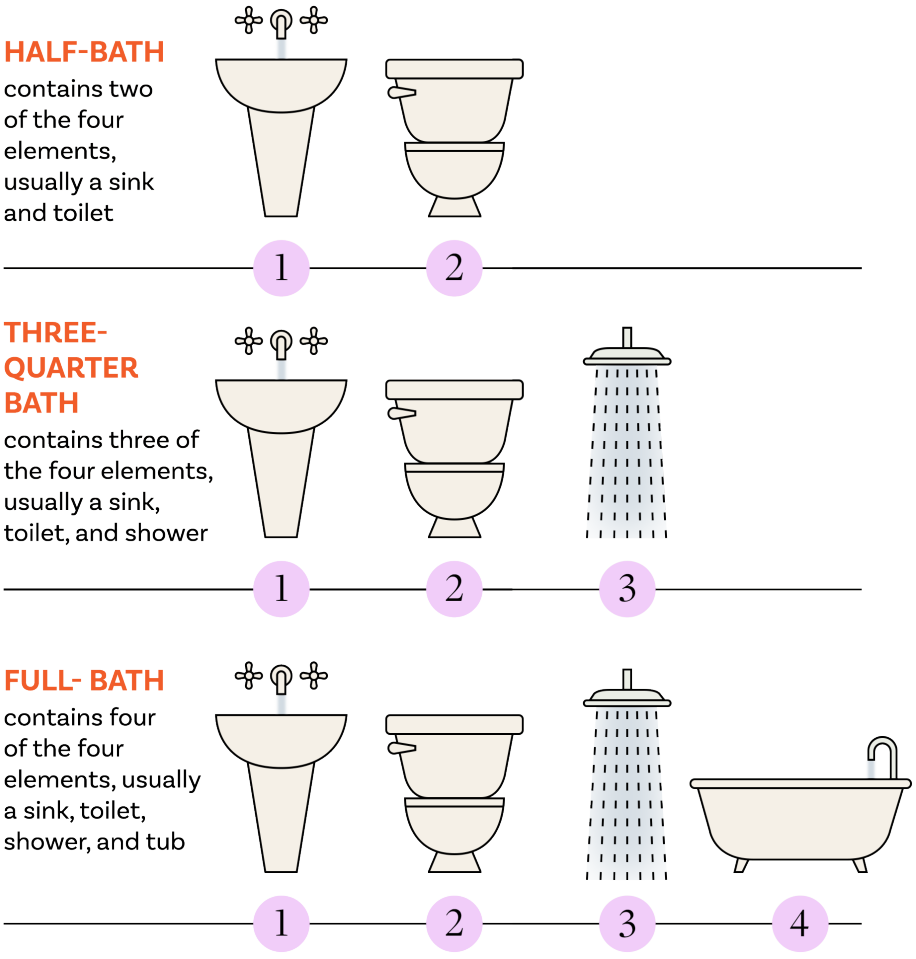
# Calculate Your Square Footage

If you want to know what the total area of your space is, think back to math class. You'll want to break your home into individual (rectangular) rooms and use the basic formula you might remember from geometry: **Area = Length x Width**. Knowing how much total square footage you have to work with — and the amount of square feet in a given room — can help you furnish your home, whether you're ordering materials for a reno or you just want to get the layout of a space and your furniture sizing just right.




# See What Bathroom Size You're Working With

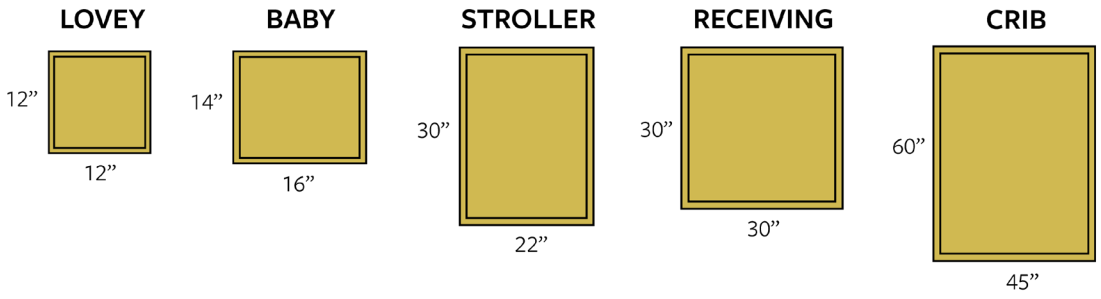
The difference between a half, a three-quarter, and a full bath comes down to sizing and plumbing selection, although each of these spaces do have features in common (for starters, a toilet!). Find out what the differences are so you'll never wonder what these terms mean on an apartment or house listing again!



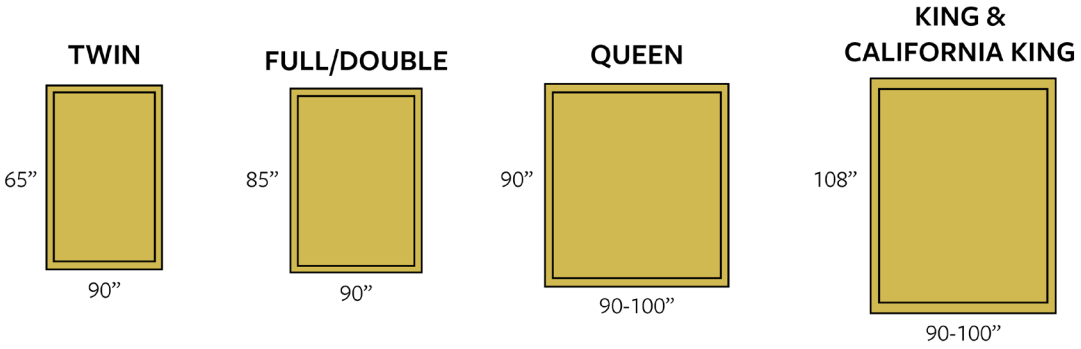
# Learn What Blanket & Towel Sizes to Buy

From bedroom quilts to bath sheets, homes need different textiles. Shop for the right ones in the right sizes once and for all with this guide.

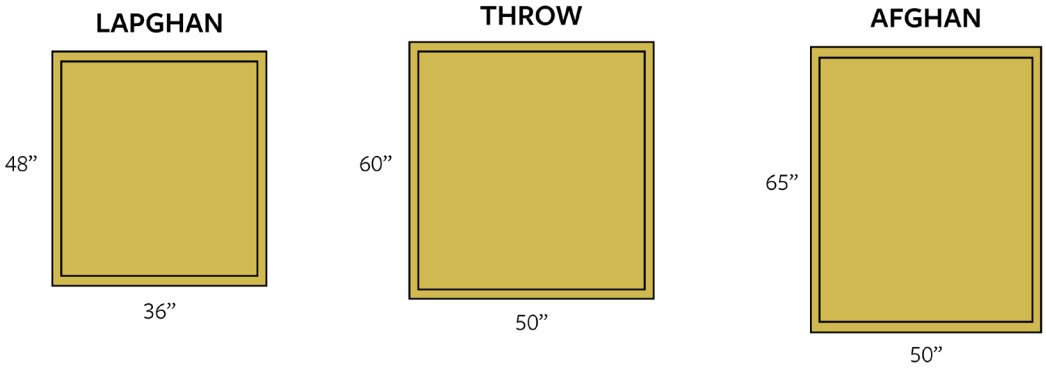
## Baby Blanket Sizes




## Bed Blanket Sizes

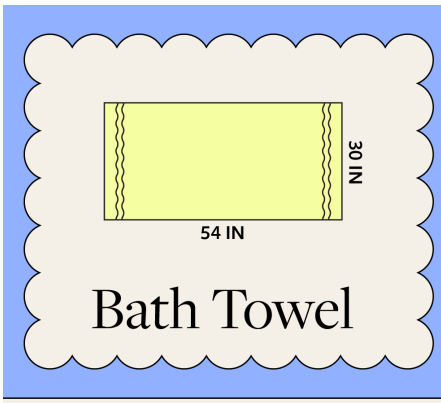
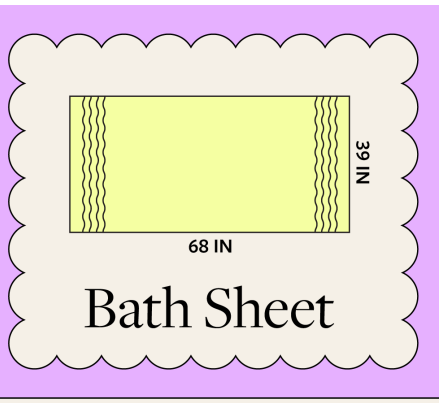



## Throw Blanket Sizes



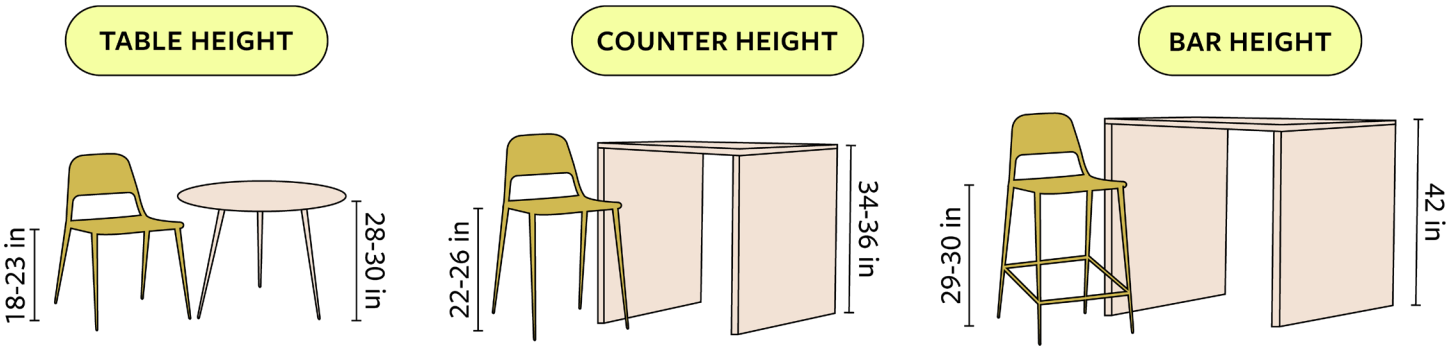
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|  Bath Towel |  Bath Sheet |
|---|---|
| Great multi-purpose towel | Larger, providing more coverage |
| Ideal for wrapping and drying hair | Can be more efficient at drying because of the extra material |
| More budget-friendly than bath sheets | Functional alternative to a robe or wrap |
| Easier to store and launder due to size | More luxurious and indulgent |

# Figure Out Your Counter Height

Planning a kitchen renovation? While your counter height is just one of many dimensions you'll need to know, it's definitely the most important. We're breaking down that and bar height here, too, so you can set up a space that really cooks.



# Shop for Your Forever Sofa

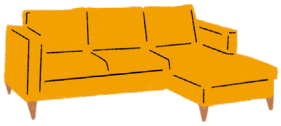
You're going to be spending *a lot* of time on your couch, so it's a decision you want to be prepared to make. We'll help you weigh all the options, from fabric and shape to size and budget, so you bring home a stylish sofa that'll last forever. The magic formula here? **Make sure either the depth or width of the sofa is smaller than the width of your doorway — and allow wiggle room for packaging.** Go as big as you can without blocking your walkways or doors.

## Sofa Types

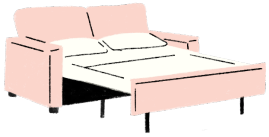
While there are many different sofa styles to choose from, they generally fall into four categories.



TRADITIONAL



SECTIONAL

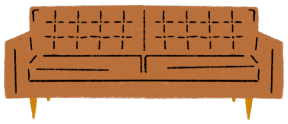


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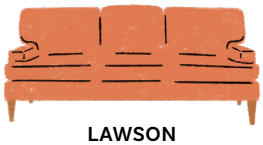


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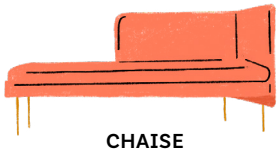
## Sofa Styles



MID-CENTURY MODERN



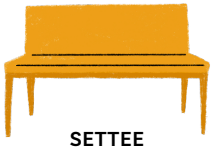
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CHAISE



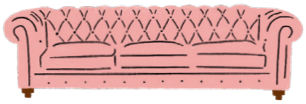
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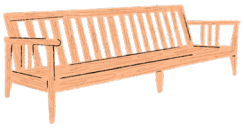


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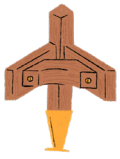


CAMELBACK

## Sofa Construction



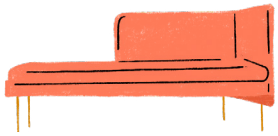
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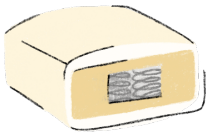
2. JOINTS



3. SUSPENSIONS



4. UPHOLSTERY



5. CUSHIONING & FILL

**Remember:** The integrity of your sofa lies within the quality of its construction—everything from the fabric it's covered in down to its bones.

## Sofa Upholstery



PERFORMANCE



WOOL BLEND



LINEN



LEATHER



VELVET



NATURAL FIBERS



SYNTHETICS

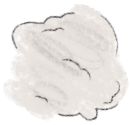
**Pro tip:** Whether buying online or from a showroom, ask for fabric swatches so you can see how the material looks in your home's lighting. Post it on the wall where the sofa will go, and keep tabs on how it changes during the day.

## Cushioning & Fill

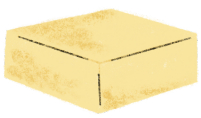
A sofa is a big investment, so opt for a fill that is both durable and comfy.



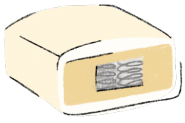
GOOSE OR DUCK FEATHER DOWN



FIBER FILL



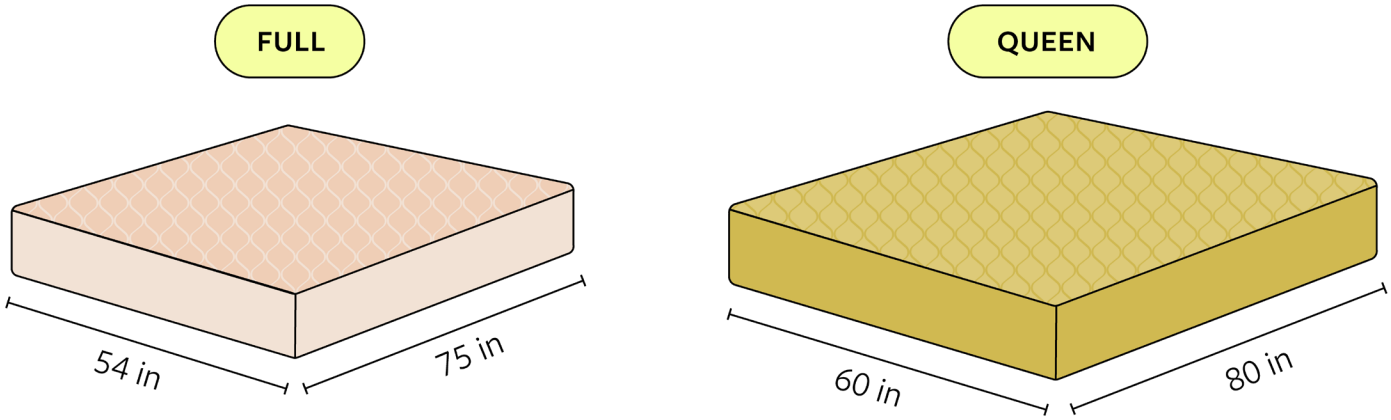
FOAM



SPRING COIL

# Decide Whether You've Got Room for a Full or Queen Bed

The difference between a twin and king bed is easy (and obvious!), but full and queen beds are much closer in size. Figure out which is best for you once you know all the dimensions.




# Measure Your Nightstand (Twice!)

With this easy, unforgettable formula, you'll never struggle to reach your glass of water or bedside table lamp again! And it'll be *that* much easier to walk around your bed and room, too.

