

# CHOOSING THE RIGHT-SIZE RUG

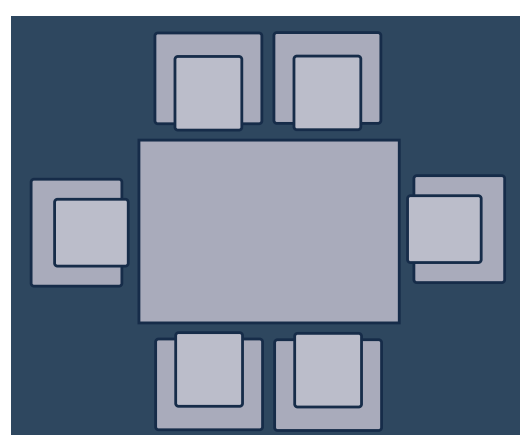


From providing design foundations to enriching spaces with pattern and color, area rugs are power players in home decorating. Here's how to choose the right rug for a stylish and satisfying unroll.

**DECIDE WHICH SHAPE** is best for your needs. For most rooms, a rectangular rug is a winning choice. Round rugs are well-suited to entry halls, under circular tables, or in creative spaces such as playrooms. A square rug works well under a square table or in a square room.

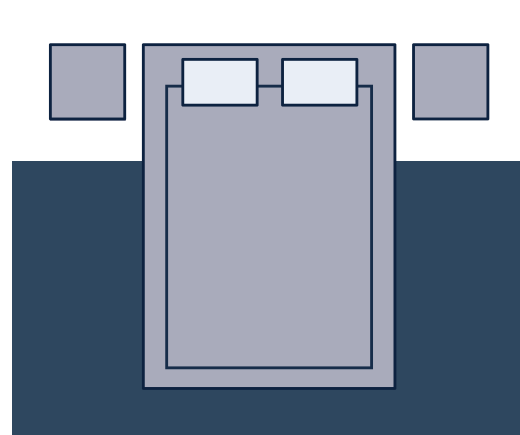
**MEASURE** inward from the front edges of furniture pieces that sit against the walls (think bookshelves, media cabinets, china cupboards) for your maximum rug size. Or measure around the furniture footprint (the area filled by seating or dining pieces), then add at least 6" to 12" (or 24" to 36" for dining spaces) to determine your minimum rug size.

**FINALIZE** the dimensions of your new rug based on where and how it will be used. Note that standard rug sizes range from 3' x 5' to 10' x 12' so there may be several options that meet your needs.



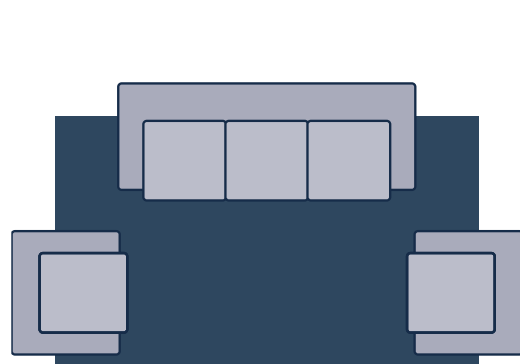
## DINING ROOM

All chairs should remain completely on the rug, even when pulled out to sit down. Order a rug that extends 36" (and no less than 24") beyond all sides of the table. Choose a roomy rug and center it under the table.



## BEDROOM

For toasty toes and a soothing, balanced design, lay your rug perpendicular to the bed and slide it under, toward the headboard or wall, stopping before the edge reaches the side tables. A fun (affordable) alternative is to place equal-size runners on either side of the bed.



## LIVING ROOM

Depending on your style and budget, choose from three options.

1. Choose a large rug based on your maximum rug size and place all furniture on top.
2. Choose a moderate-sized (and priced) rug and place just the front legs of your sofa and other large pieces on top.
3. Float a budget-friendly small rug under your coffee table, about 6" in front of your sofa.

Now that you've established the size essentials, the fun begins. It's time to look at color, fiber, texture and pattern. Soothing neutrals for the bedroom? A sturdy indoor-outdoor weave for a family dining space? A colorful ikat print to complement a modern living room? Enjoy your journey... and love your space!