

How to measure for a rug that fits

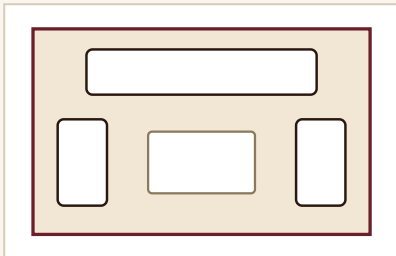
Almost every rug that disappoints is simply the wrong size. Pattern, colour and pile are matters of taste — size is a matter of arithmetic. Fifteen minutes with a tape measure settles it, and this guide is the whole method.

Four steps, once

- 01 Measure the room, not the rug.**
Take the full length and width of the open floor, and write both numbers down. Measure to the wall, not to the skirting board, and note where doors swing inward — a door that catches on a rug edge is the most common return we see.
- 02 Mark the rug out on the floor.**
Low-tack painter's tape is the one tool worth buying. Lay the exact outline of the size you are considering and leave it there for a day. You will feel a wrong size long before you can measure it.
- 03 Place the furniture, then judge.**
A rug is sized by what sits on it, not by the room. Use the placement rules overleaf for the room you are furnishing.
- 04 Keep the border even.**
Aim for a similar band of bare floor on all four sides. On most Sacramento floor plans that lands between 8 and 18 inches. An even border is what makes a room look composed.

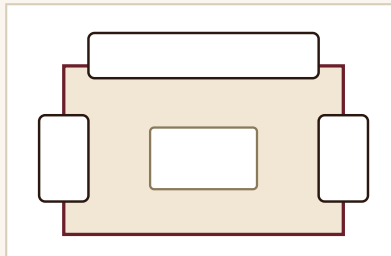
Living room — three honest placements

All three are correct. They cost different amounts and suit different rooms.



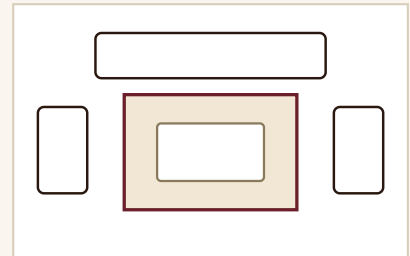
Everything on

All legs sit on the rug. The most generous look and the one that makes a room read as a single designed space. Needs the largest size your floor allows.



Front legs on

The front feet of every seat land on the rug, the back feet on the floor. Anchors the seating just as well for a size smaller. The best value of the three.

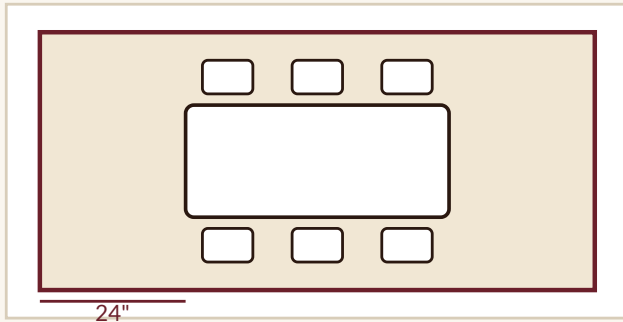


Floating

The rug sits under the coffee table only. Works in a small or oddly shaped room, and nowhere else — in a large room it reads as an undersized mistake.

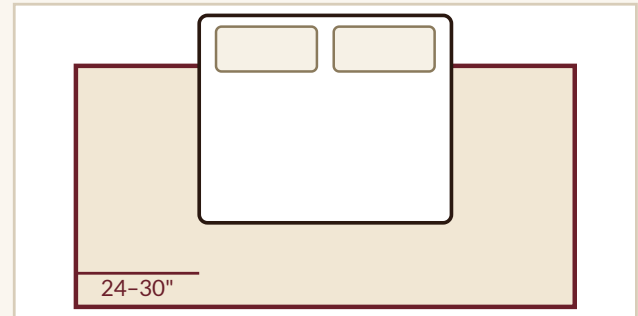
The one number to remember. Let the rug run at least 18 inches past each end of the sofa. Less than that and the sofa looks as though it is standing on a mat.

Dining and bedroom



Dining: measure the table, add 48"

A chair needs roughly **24 inches** to slide back without its rear legs dropping off the edge — so add 24" to every side, which is 48" to both the length and the width of the table. A 40"×72" table therefore wants a rug of about 88"×120".

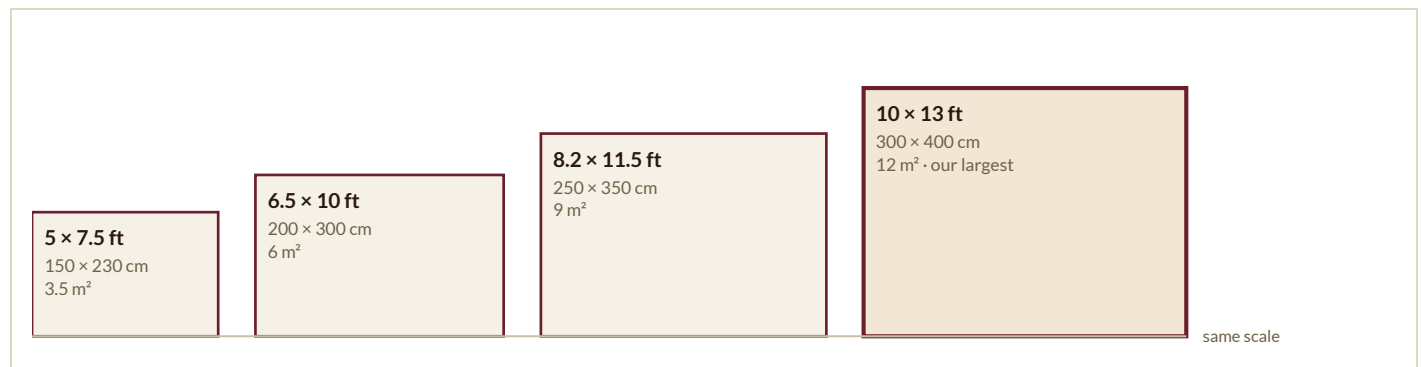


Bedroom: start at the nightstands

Slide the rug under the lower two thirds of the bed, starting just below the nightstands, and let it run **24–30 inches** past the sides and foot. That is the band your feet land on getting out of bed, which is the entire point.

The sizes we stock, drawn to scale

Every rectangle below is in true proportion to the others. We hold stock only — what is on the shelf is what we sell — and **10×13 ft is the largest size we carry.**



SIZE	WHERE IT USUALLY LANDS
5 × 7.5 ft	Entry rooms, small bedrooms, a reading corner, under a breakfast table for two.
6.5 × 10 ft	The most-bought size. Medium living rooms with the sofa's front legs on, or a queen bed.
8.2 × 11.5 ft	Large living rooms and formal dining rooms where everything sits on the rug.
10 × 13 ft	Open plans and great rooms. The largest we carry.
3 ft runners	Available in 6, 10 and 13 ft lengths for hallways, kitchen runs and bedsides.

THREE MISTAKES WORTH AVOIDING

- **Buying to the furniture instead of the room.** The rug frames the whole arrangement, not just the sofa.
- **Forgetting the door swing.** Check every door that opens into the space before you decide.
- **Ordering without taping it out.** Ten minutes of painter's tape prevents nearly every size regret.

Not sure? Message us your two room measurements, or bring them to the showroom and we will lay the sizes out on the floor for you.