



YOUR HOME BY THE NUMBERS:

The Best Positioning for Items around the House

Equations are for more than just math class; did you know there's a proper order of operations for your home, too? Whether it's arranging your couch and television for optimal viewing or making sure towel bars are right within reach, knowing a few key numbers can help you determine the ideal place for each item in your home to create spaces that look great and are easy to use.

KITCHEN CALCULATIONS

Feel like you've got too many cooks in the kitchen? Create an effective layout following the principles of the kitchen work triangle and you'll never feel cramped again. Comprised of your three main work areas, the stovetop, refrigerator and sink, the triangle should provide enough space to move around but not be so large that cooking is difficult. Keep these areas between 4 and 9 feet apart for the most efficient use of space. To keep the kitchen flow going, ensure all other appliances are in proportion to one another with complementary ones grouped together. For example, minimize the mess from wet dishes by placing the sink and dishwasher a maximum of 36 inches apart.



When you're whipping up a family favorite, easy access to kitchen areas is key. Finding the right height for important elements will make your kitchen even more accessible. Most countertops are 36 inches high, while microwaves are typically no higher than 54 inches for easy reach. Be sure to choose the correct faucet height so it's proportional with other fixtures and works with your layout. You don't want a too-tall faucet that blocks your window or one so low it's difficult to fill sizable containers or pitchers.

LIVING ROOM LOGARITHM

Create a lounge space to love by ensuring your living room furnishings are in the ideal locations for maximum relaxation. Here are a few tips to ensure your living room is comfy and functional:

Position the couch and coffee table 18 inches apart to provide plenty of leg room.

Keep the table and sofa heights within a few inches of each other to make grabbing the remote or a tasty beverage easy.

Arrange seating a maximum of 10 feet apart to inspire conversation (but only during commercials!).

Make binge-watching your favorite shows more fun and avoid eye strain by positioning your television carefully. The larger your television is, the more distance you should place between the screen and your couch. A good rule of thumb is to place $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches of space for every inch of diagonal screen size for an HD plasma, LED, or LCD television. However, the critical factor is your

comfort. If you feel claustrophobic or have to twist your head to see your favorite movie moments, don't be afraid to rearrange.

PERFECTLY PROPORTIONED BATHROOM

Functionality is key when you're getting your grooming going. Ensure your bathroom has plenty of room for personal care by keeping a few essential measurements in mind. Start by making certain the layout provides proper clearance for any doors, including cabinetry and shower stalls, and aim for at least 30 inches of space between the three major areas: tub or shower stall, sink, and toilet. Toilets should range between 17 and 19 inches in height from floor to seat with at least 18 inches of elbow room on the sides. Make sure the shower is roomy, too; shower stalls should be at least 36 inches by 36 inches with showerheads placed at a comfortable level for the individuals in your home.

Similar to kitchen countertops, vanities with sinks should be about 36 inches high with accompanying lighting at eye level to provide proper light for shaving or makeup application. Avoid dripping hands by hanging towel bars in a spot that's easy to reach, ideally right near the sink. Moen offers a range of towel bars, robe hooks, and other accessories that are simple to install.

Now that you know the numbers, you'll find it's simple to create spaces that improve how your home and life functions. The best part? No arithmetic required on your part. With the dimensions and tips above, you'll have a better idea of how to best use your space and get the most comfort and functionality out of your home. 🌿

