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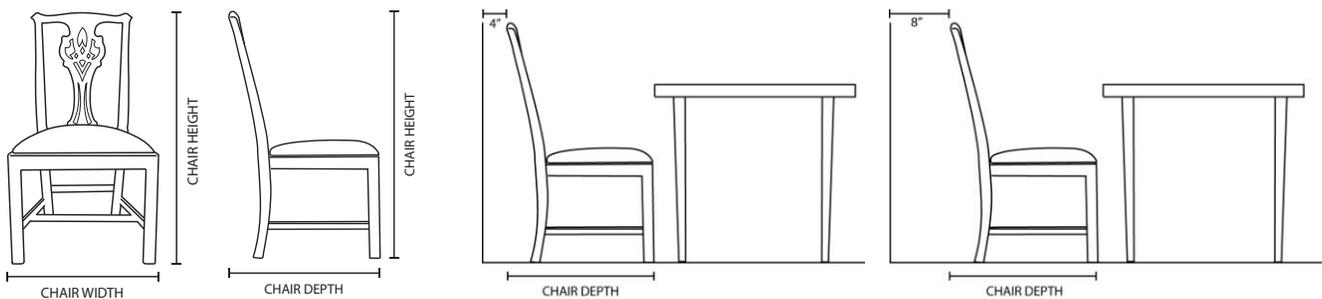
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Shopping for a dining room? It's useful to ask several basic questions and then follow a few simple rules.

1. What is the maximum number you would like to seat at your dining table?
2. What size table can you accommodate?
3. How do you entertain? Family Style or Plated?
4. Is there a style you prefer? Rectangular, oval, round?

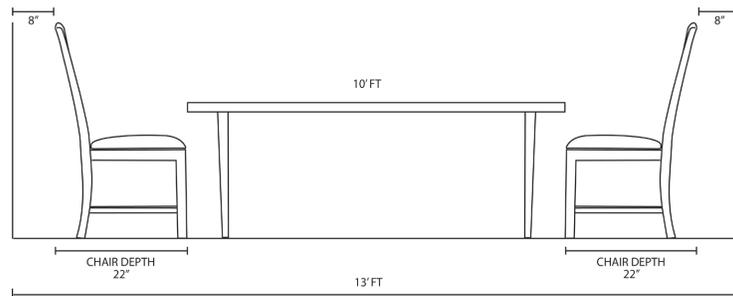
Interior Designers are happy to assist you to make the decisions that are right for you. To help you get some ideas in advance, here are some simple rules to help you determine the best width and length for a dining table and chairs to fit your room.

The distance from the wall to the edge of the table should be the depth of the chair plus 8 inches or more although 4 inches is enough if space is limited.



The depth of the chair can make a big difference. Dining chairs vary from 18 inches to 25 inches deep. Likewise the width of the table is important. Dining tables range from 36 inches wide to 48 inches wide. A 36 inch table can be very comfortable and save space. Many dining tables have removable leaves so you can extend the table when needed.

So, for example, if your room is 15 feet long, you can comfortably fit a 10 foot table with chairs at each end that are 22 inches deep.



The same rule (the depth of the chair plus 8 inches) works for the width of the room.

How many people you can seat around your table depends on the width of the chairs and the length of the table. It also depends on who's coming to dinner. Everyone expects a bit of crowding when the whole family gets together for dinner. But the rest of the time, we want more space.

Place settings should be at least 20 inches apart, i.e. from the center of one plate to the center of the next. Less than that is awkward.

The chart below tells you the maximum number of settings for most occasions and then the usual number.

Maximum/Usual number of chairs per side

Table Length in Inches

Chair Width in Inches	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144
20	3/2	3/3	4/3	4/4	5/4	6/5	6/5	7/6
22	3/2	3/2	4/3	4/4	5/4	5/5	6/5	6/6
24	3/2	3/2	3/4	4/3	4/4	5/4	5/5	6/5

If you are looking at maximum seating and your table has legs on the corners, then some chairs may be touching the legs – it will still be comfortable though not ideal. A pedestal table alleviates this problem.

Some furniture makers will customize dining tables to fit the size you need; for example, Harden and Dinec. You can see dining rooms by Harden and Dinec as well as many other outstanding cabinet makers at the **Barrymore Furniture Gallery**.

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