

How to Measure a Room Like a Pro



What You'll Need:



Tape Measure
(at least 25ft long)



Notebook & Pen
(or a Notes app)



Laser Measure
(optional, but helpful for
larger spaces)



Graph Paper
(we've provided several
sheets in this doc)



Helper
(for long measurements
or high ceilings)

STEP 1

General Measurement Tips

- ✓ Hold the tape measure level and flat against the floor, wall, or surface.
- ✓ Have one person take all measurements to stay consistent.
- ✓ Do not guess – always measure!
- ✓ Round to the nearest 1/4" inch for accuracy.
- ✓ Double-check your measurements twice to avoid mistakes.



A Quick Note About Digital Measuring Apps

Digital measuring apps are helpful for speed and convenience, but always double-check key measurements with a tape measure or laser—especially for custom pieces or tight installs. Small inaccuracies in scanning apps can lead to costly mistakes down the road.

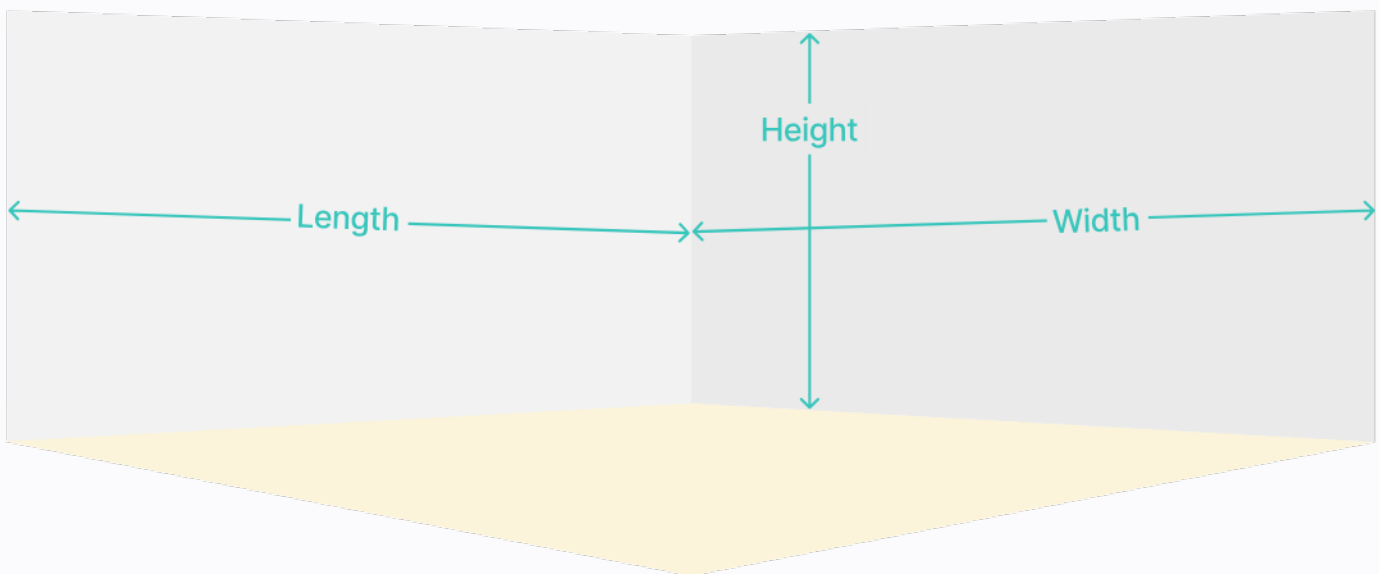
STEP 2

Measure the Room Dimensions

- ① Measure from **wall surface** to wall surface (not from baseboard to baseboard)
- ② **Hold the tape taut** (no sagging) and write down the **exact width**.
- ③ Repeat the process to measure the **length** of the room.
- ④ Measure the **ceiling height** from the floor to the ceiling.

💡 Pro Tip:

If the room isn't a perfect rectangle, divide it into sections and measure each part separately.



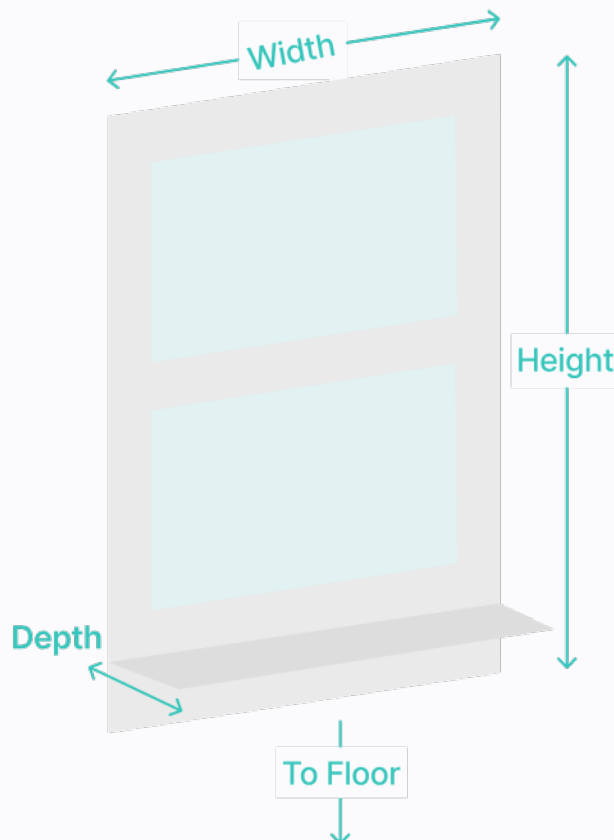
STEP 3

Measure Windows & Doors

- ① Measure **window width & height** from the **outer edge of the trim**.
- ② Measure the distance from the **floor to the bottom of the window**.
- ③ Measure from the **edge of the window to the nearest wall**.
- ④ Measure **door width & height** from the **outer edge of the frame**.
- ⑤ Measure from **the edge of the door to the nearest wall**.
- ⑥ Be sure to **indicate swing direction** for all doors.

💡 Pro Tip:

If you're installing curtains, add 4"-6" above the window for the rod and leave 4"-10" on either side for full coverage.



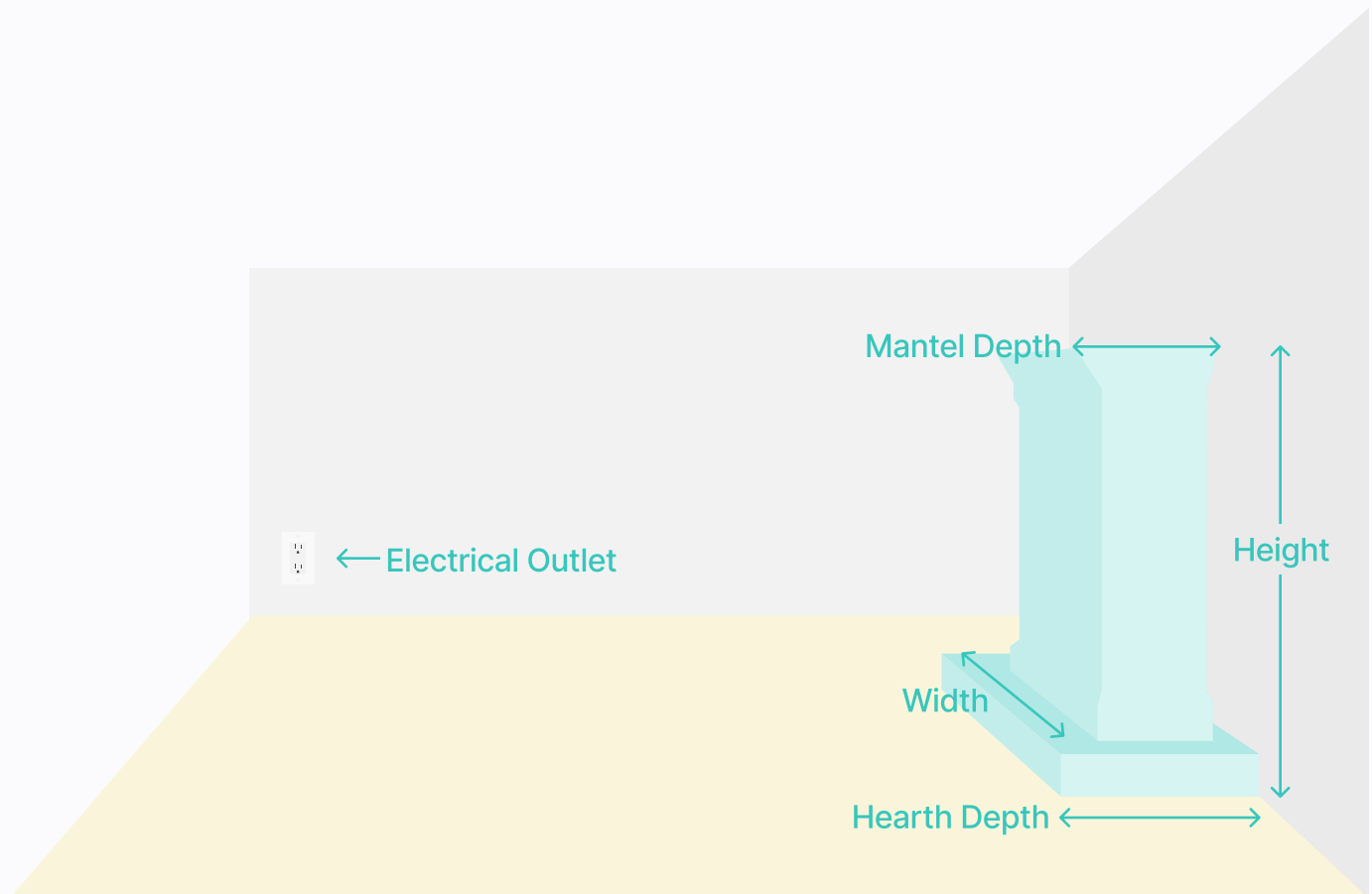
STEP 4

Measure Architectural Features

- ① Measure any **columns, bulkheads, built-ins, radiators...etc.**
- ② Measure **fireplace** — width, depth, height, mantel depth, hearth depth.
- ③ Identify the location of **outlets, vents, and light switches** in the space.

💡 Pro Tip:

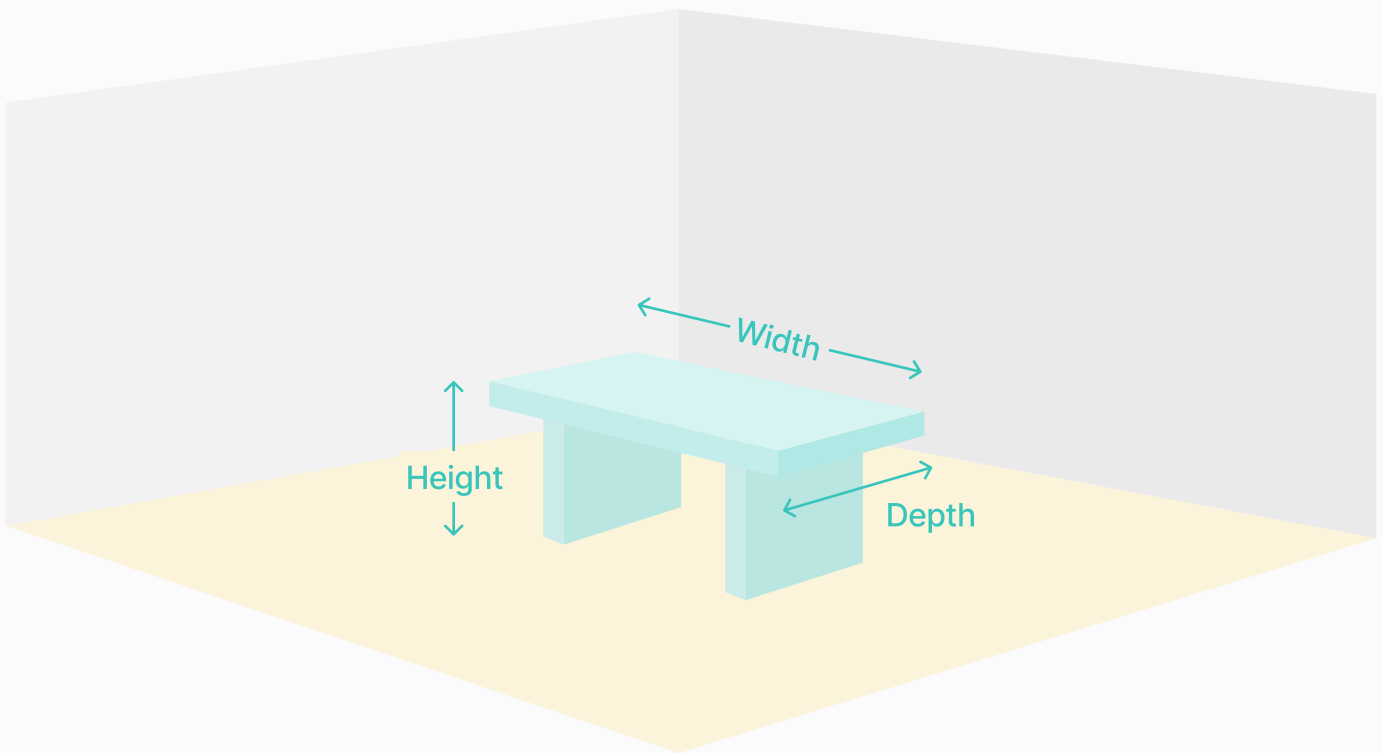
Leave enough clearance for furniture and circulation around built-ins.



STEP 5

Measure Furniture / Existing Pieces

- ① Collect dimensions of any **existing** furniture staying in the room.



Final Tips

- ④ Use the attached graph paper to **do a quick sketch of the space** and label your measurements.
 - ④ **Double-check tricky areas** like corners and irregular shapes.
 - ④ If using a digital measuring app, **always double check measurements with a tape measure or laser.**
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Why This Matters

Starting with precise dimensions helps you avoid costly mistakes, ordering issues, and installation headaches down the line.

A few extra minutes double-checking your numbers upfront can save hours (and dollars) later.

