

RUG SIZE GUIDELINES

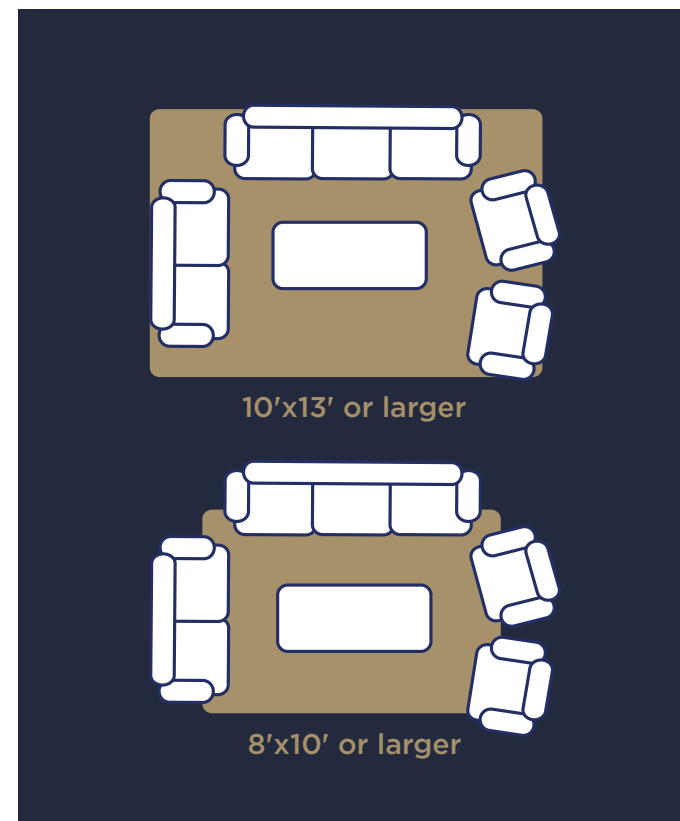
Choosing the right size of area rug is just as important as selecting a pattern or color. Whether rectangle or round, the perfect size and shape of a rug is critical to achieving the right look for a room's particular proportions and design.

The size and shape of a rug can help define sitting, dining or accent areas of a space by accentuating particular groupings of furniture. Furniture can be positioned either directly on the rug or around it depending on the size of the room or the aesthetics you want to achieve. And, the use of multiple rugs can draw the eye from one room or area to another.

There is a science to choosing the proper size of rug for a particular application. Use this handy guide to help you determine the right rug for you or your customer's room.

LIVING ROOMS

In a living room or family room setting, all key pieces of furniture should sit on the rug or at a minimum, the



front legs of the furniture grouping. This visually defines the living area/furniture grouping from the rest of the room. Depending on the size of the space, you should balance the space by leaving an equal amount of rug around the furniture grouping and an equal amount of exposed flooring around all four sides of the rug.

If the rug is to be the focal point, a large design element should be used to draw the eye down toward the space. If a piece of furniture or an architectural feature is to be the primary focus of the room, an all-over, repeating pattern should be considered to complement rather than concentrate. And, you might even consider positioning the rug at an angle to add a unique visual element to your space's design.



FLOATING LAYOUT

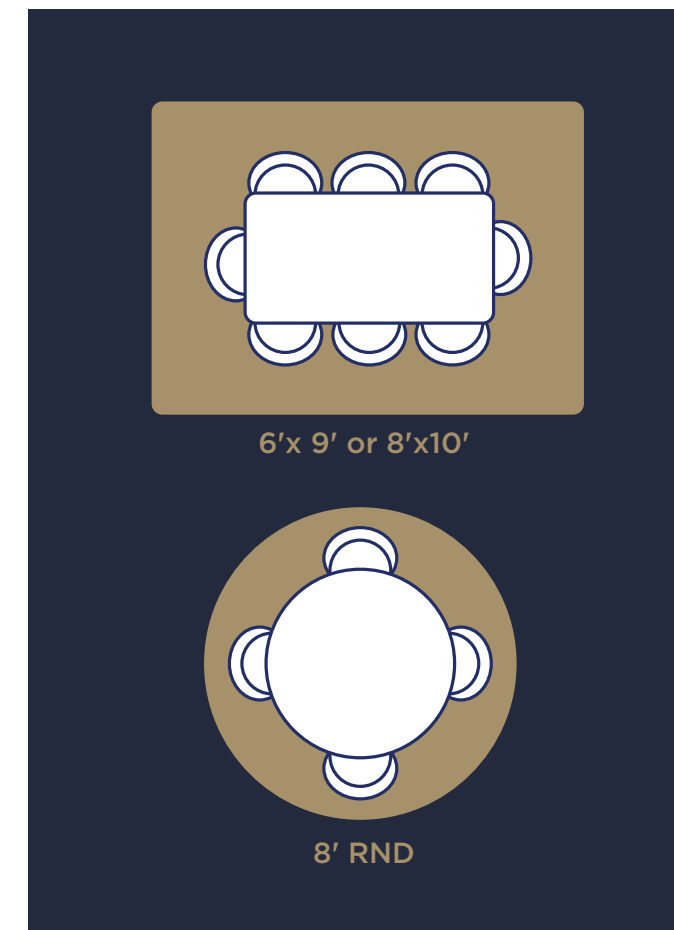
One popular room configuration is called a "floating layout", where all of the furniture fits within the borders of the rug. Every leg should rest on the rug, leaving an adequate border around the furniture to nicely frame in a seating or dining area.

Also, the rug size should be large enough to allow a symmetrical border of exposed flooring on all four sides. If the room does not allow for symmetrical positioning, choose a size that will provide equal borders top and bottom, and side to side.

DINING ROOMS

A good rule of thumb is that area rugs should be 3 to 4 feet larger in length and width to the dining room table. You should be able to pull a chair out and sit at the table without the chair legs falling off the edge of the rug. Depending on the size of the dining table, the typical dining table and chair grouping would require an 8' x 11'.

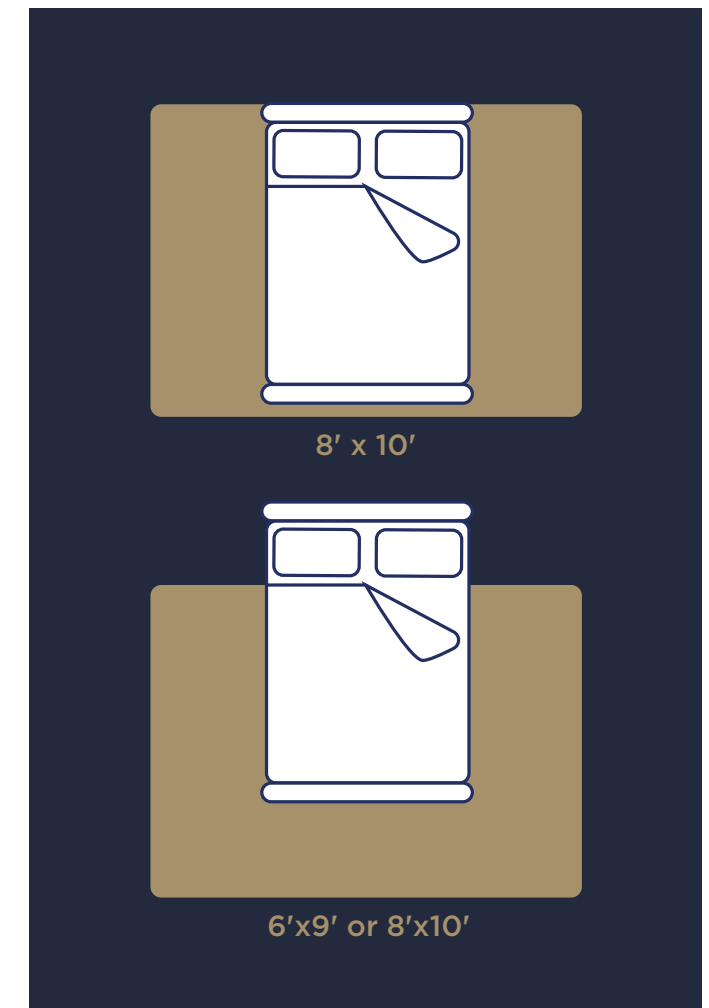
In a great room setting, you may prefer to coordinate your rug with the other rugs in the room.



KITCHENS & BATHROOMS

In the kitchen, consider small rugs in front of task areas, runners or even accent rugs to properly fit the space while softening up the feel of the room.

In the same idea, bathrooms are usually small by design and call for rugs in front of fixtures and vanities. You may want to choose a 2'x3', 4'x6' or even a runner to achieve the right feel without overwhelming the space.



BEDROOMS

In bedrooms, there are various ways to incorporate a rug. You may choose a rug large enough to accommodate all of the room's furniture, with a symmetrical border of exposed flooring on all sides. You can even position the rug at an angle for a unique design element. Functionally, you want the rug to be under your feet as you get out of bed. Aesthetically, you might prefer to incorporate a repeating patterned rug or solid color since the bed usually covers a majority of the rug.

ENTRYWAYS & HALLWAYS

Entry ways offer a great opportunity for a positive first impression. Depending on the size and shape of the space, consider anywhere from a 2'x3' to a 5'x8', or even rounds or runners.

Hallways naturally lend themselves to needing runners. Don't forget a rug pad in all these areas, but especially important in these high traffic spaces.