

DINING TABLE

buying guide

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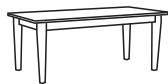
— THE INTERIOR DESIGN DESTINATION —

A close-up, high-angle shot of a wooden dining table. In the top left corner, a stack of several white ceramic plates is visible. In the top right corner, a folded beige linen napkin holds a set of silverware, including a knife and two forks, with wooden handles. The table surface is a light-colored wood with a visible grain. The text is centered on the table.

how to choose a dining table

In many homes, the dining table is the center of the world. It's where people share meals, stories, and so much more—a backdrop for a lifetime of memories.

If you're looking for some help choosing your perfect dining room table, look no further! Our complete buying guide will give you the recipe to cook up the perfect dining table for your family.



WHICH SHAPE OF DINING TABLE IS BEST: ROUND OR RECTANGULAR?

The best way to judge what table shape you need is to look at the size of your space. Are you filling a large formal dining room or tucking a table into your kitchen?



Brannon Dining Table

FOR SMALL SPACES

Round or square tables are great for cozying up in small spaces like a breakfast nook. Round tables are smaller and can fit snugly into a corner, but you'll lose some surface area for serving dishes by sacrificing corners. Both round and square tables make good kitchen tables for couples and small families.



Desmond Dining Table

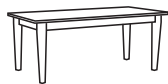
FOR LARGE SPACES

In a formal dining room or airy open floor plan, a large, rectangular dining table can seat your whole family and all your dinner party guests. It's easier to squeeze in an extra chair when the need arises, and these tables provide lots of space for serveware and décor.



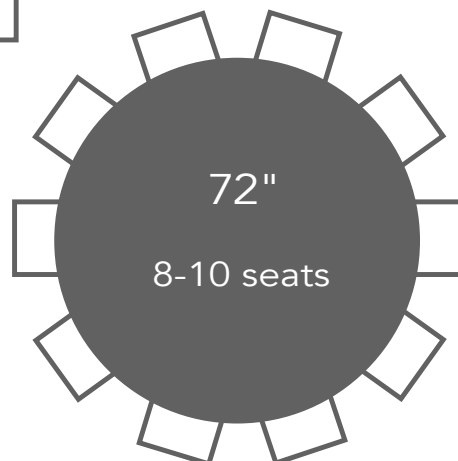
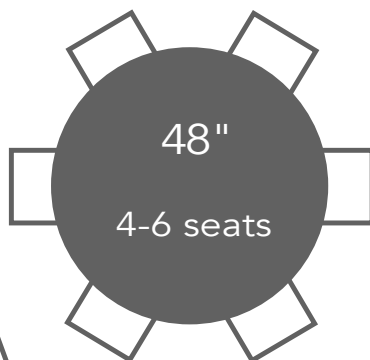
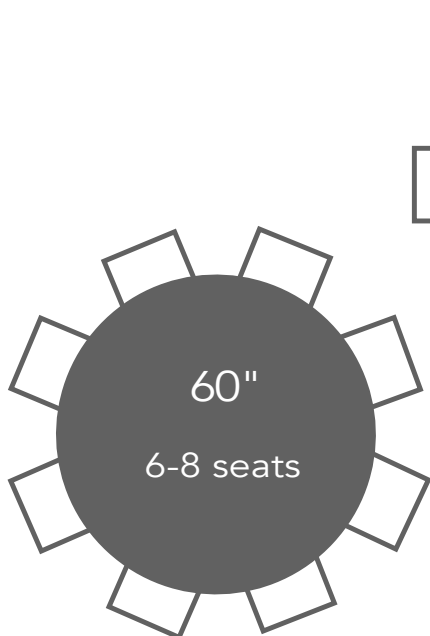
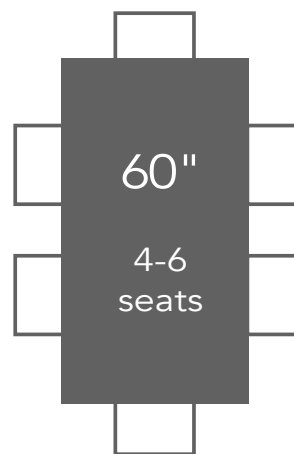
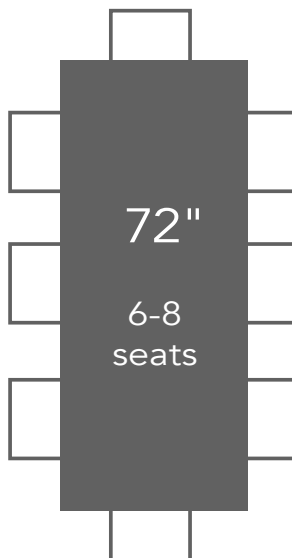
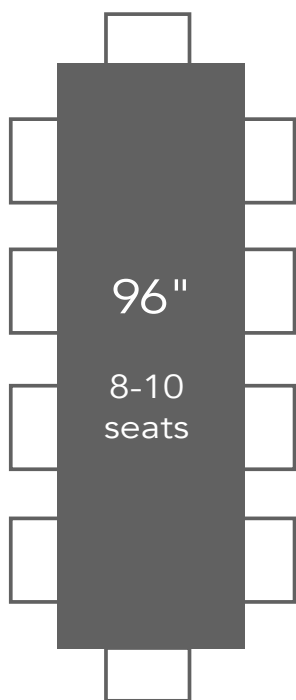
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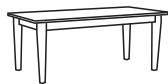
WHAT SIZE TABLE DO I NEED?

Plan for at least 3' of space between the table, the wall, and other furniture so people can flow comfortably through your dining space.



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HOW TO CHOOSE DINING CHAIRS



Piermont Extension Dining Table

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ADDITIONAL TIPS



Host chairs are a snazzy addition to the head of a rectangular table. Pair them with armless chairs along the side of the table to maximize your space—and always use only armless chairs with round or square tables.



If you need more surface space for extra courses, select a larger table or opt for a coordinating buffet depending on what fits best in your room.

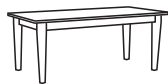


Need extra seats for special occasions? An extension table comes with a leaf or two, adding 2-4 extra seats. When you measure to see if your dining table will fit, consider its full extended length.



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HOW DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT TABLE STYLE?

The perfect table is a combination of many parts that come together just for you.
Look through these images to choose your favorite design elements.



Turned Pedestal
COOPER DINING TABLE

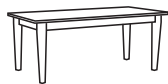


Starburst Pedestal
HAZELTON DINING TABLE



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Geometric Base
BRANNON DINING TABLE

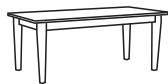


Modern Pedestal
GRACEDALE DINING TABLE



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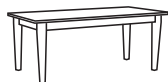
Plinth Base
BRYCEMOOR DINING TABLE



Spiral Legs
LIVINGSTON DINING TABLE



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Parsons Legs
VINSON DINING TABLE

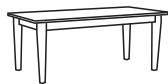


Saber Legs
ABBOTT DINING TABLE



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Turned Legs
CUSTOM FIXED-TOP DINING TABLE

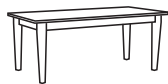


Planked Top
CORIN ROUGH-SAWN TRESTLE DINING TABLE



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Decorative Veneers
DESMOND DINING TABLE

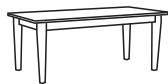


Art Deco
EVANSVIEW ROUND DINING TABLE



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WHAT OTHER DESIGN OPTIONS DO I HAVE?

From rustic family dinners to formal dinner parties, see how your choice of dining table elements can set the mood.

CHOOSE YOUR TOP STYLE



Smooth Finish

In a formal dining space, choose a smooth top for a subtle, elegant look that's smooth to the touch.



Rough Sawn

Give your dining room modern farmhouse appeal with a rough-sawn top where you can feel every grain.



Veneer

Elegant veneers instantly elevate your table, with sophisticated patterns ranging from timeless and formal to modern and luxe.

CHOOSE YOUR FINISH



Light Neutrals

Light neutrals such as light brown, gray, or white create an airy, open look that's an inviting canvas for your favorite statement décor or casual family dining.



Dark Neutrals

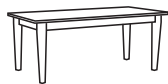
Dark brown and black are classic dining table color choices for a reason. They're formal, refined, and create a grounded look that draws eyes toward where people gather: at the table.

Can't decide on color? Choose a dining table with a two-toned finish. The base and top will coordinate instead of match.



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HOW DO YOU KNOW A DINING TABLE IS HIGH QUALITY?

Here are some sure signs your dining room furniture is built to last:



CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

We favor time-honored techniques, including floating construction that gives wood the freedom to expand and contract with temperature, and durable joinery that stands the test of time.



EXCEPTIONAL MATERIALS

From solid oak or maple planks to ribbon-stripped sapele veneers, every piece of wood we use is hand-selected and measured against our quality and sustainability standards.

FINISH AND VENEERS
We apply low-HAP and low-VOC finishes by hand and inspect them at every layer. We also apply every piece of veneer by hand, creating an unmatched blend of beauty and durability.



LEVELERS

When appropriate for the design, we include levelers to keep your table stable on uneven flooring.



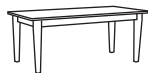
EXTENSION HARDWARE

Either equalizer slides (for pedestal and trestle tables) or metal slides with a built-in crown (for four-legged tables), both of which support your entire tabletop at its full length.



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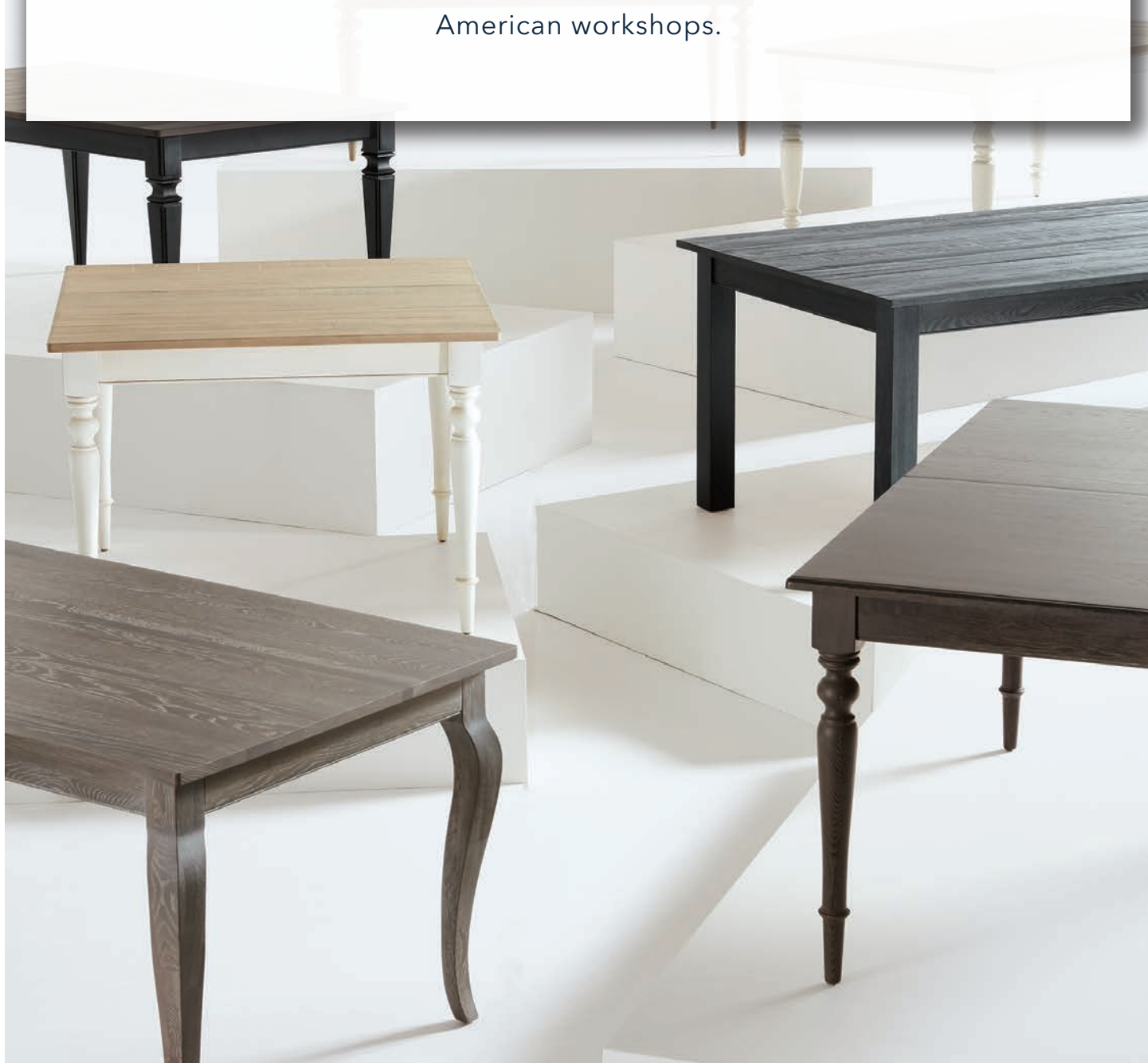
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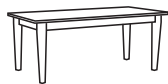


what if every detail were chosen by you?

Will you set a modern farmhouse table? An intimate breakfast nook? A formal dining space for large families?

Work with your designer to create a custom dining table, and the master artisans of Ethan Allen will craft it in our own North American workshops.





HOW DO I KEEP MY TABLE LOOKING TOPS?

Visit a Design Center to ask about a custom-fitted table pad.



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