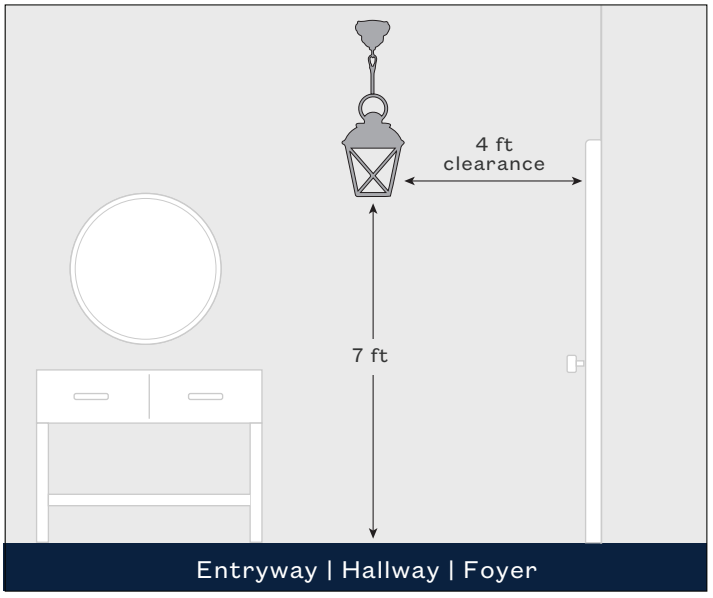
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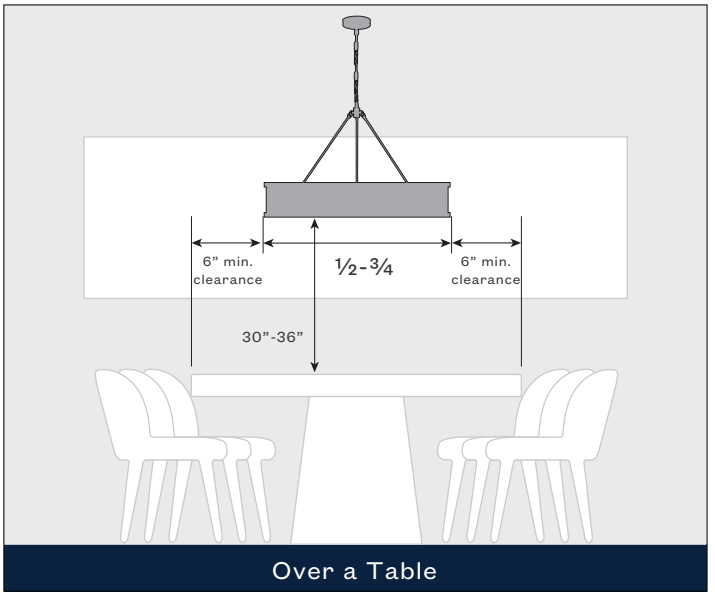
This guide will help you determine the ideal size and placement for lighting in your space.

Ceiling Fixtures



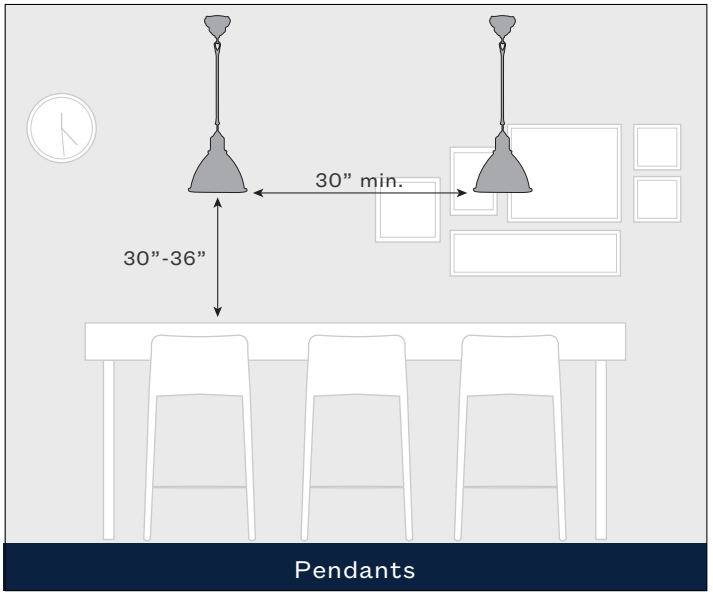
Entryway | Hallway | Foyer

When installing a suspended light fixture in the entryway, hallway, or foyer, we recommend leaving a minimum of 7 feet between the bottom of the fixture and the floor and a clearance of 4 feet from surrounding walls and doors.



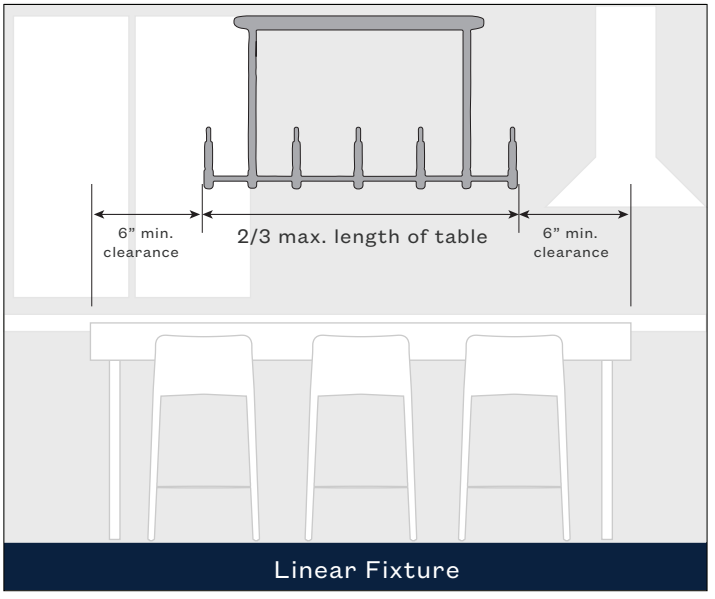
Over a Table

When selecting a ceiling light to be installed above a table, we recommend choosing a fixture that measures approximately one-half to three-quarters the size of the table. Ideally, there should be 6 inches of additional surface space beyond the fixture.



Pendants

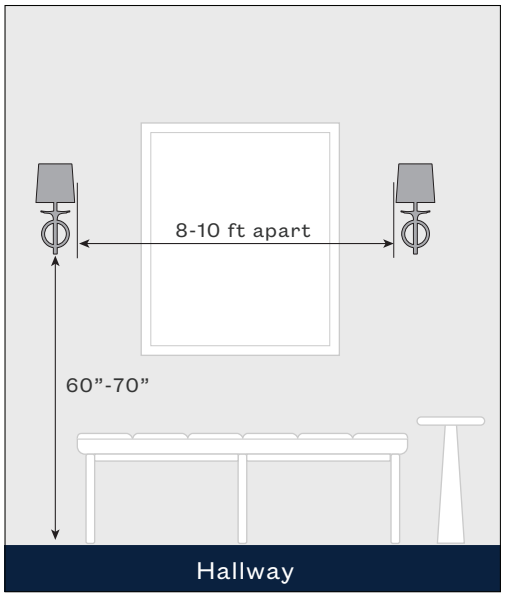
When installing a pendant above a table, counter, or kitchen island, we recommend a clearance of approximately 30–36 inches between the bottom of the fixture and the surface below. For multiple pendants, aim to leave a minimum of 30 inches between each one to achieve optimal airflow, visibility, and diffusion of light.



Linear Fixture

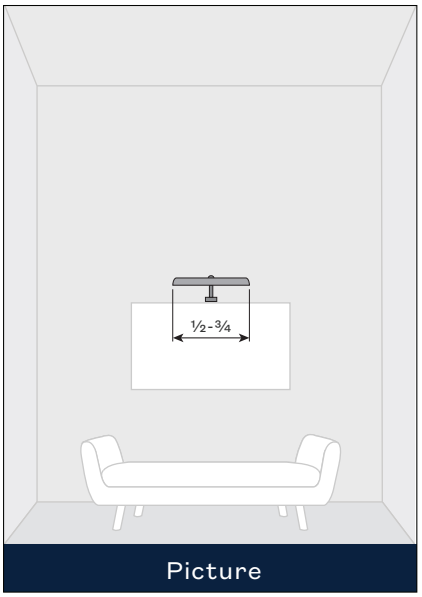
When selecting a linear ceiling light to be installed above a table, counter, or kitchen island, we recommend choosing a fixture that measures approximately two-thirds the size of the surface. Ideally, there should be 6 inches of additional surface space beyond the fixture.

Wall Fixtures



Hallway

We recommend installing wall lighting at eye level, with a clearance of approximately 60–70 inches from the bottom of the fixture to the floor. For multiple fixtures, aim to leave a minimum of 8–10 feet between each one to achieve balanced diffusion of light.



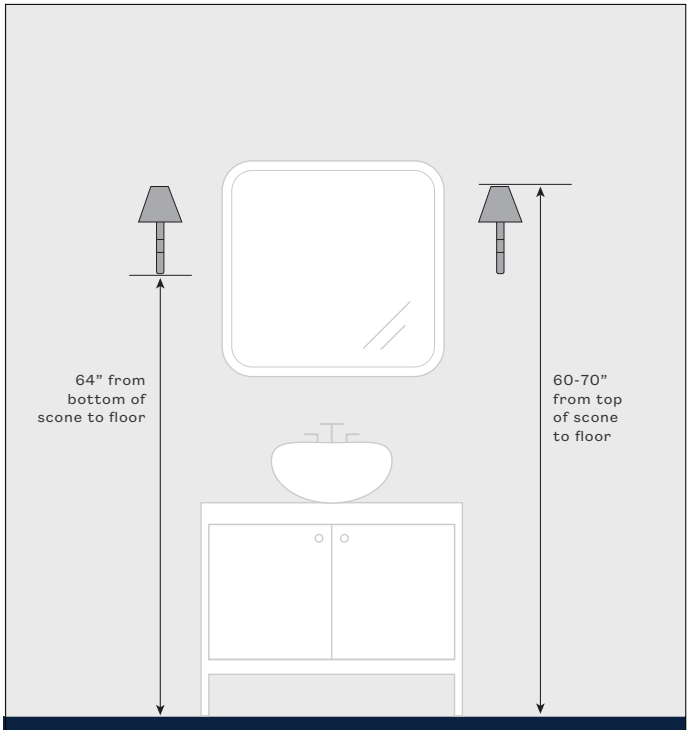
Picture

When selecting a picture light to be affixed to the wall, we recommend choosing a fixture that measures approximately one-half to two-thirds the width of the picture frame.



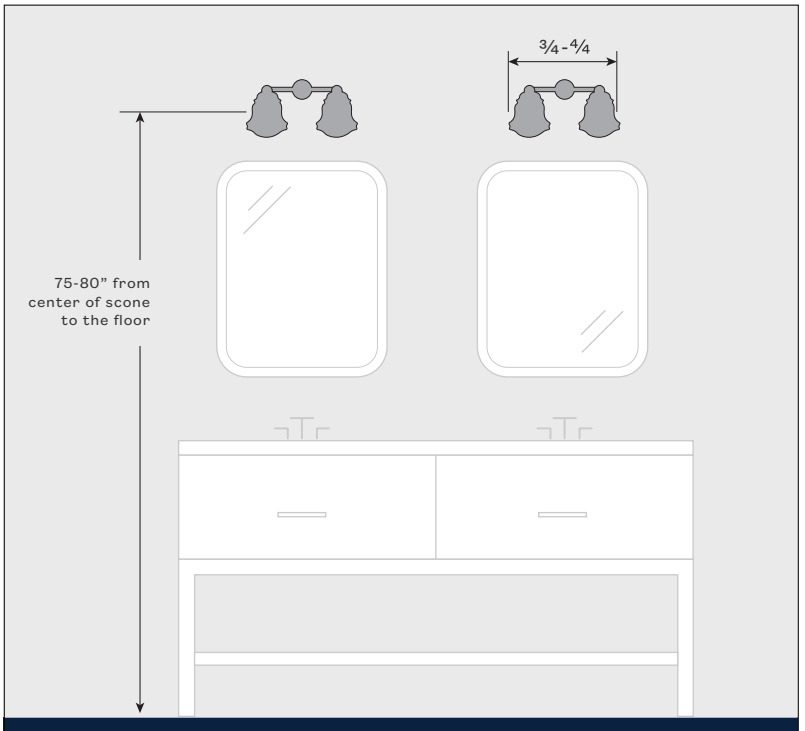
Bedside

When installing bedside wall lighting, we recommend placing it at eye level from the position of sitting up in bed. Ideally, there should be a clearance of approximately 28–30 inches from the bottom of the fixture to the top of the mattress or approximately 55–60 inches from the top of the fixture to the floor.



Bathroom | Side of Mirror

When installing a vanity light to be affixed to the wall, we recommend placing the fixture at eye level. If installing to the side of a mirror, there should be a clearance of approximately 60–70 inches between the top of the fixture and the floor.



Bathroom | Above Mirror

When selecting a wall light to be installed above a mirror, we recommend choosing a fixture that measures anywhere from three-fourths up to the full width of the mirror. Aim to leave approximately 75–80 inches between the center of the fixture and the floor.