

A photograph of a staircase with white walls and a dark wood handrail. The stairs are covered with a blue and white geometric patterned runner. In the foreground, there is a white console table with a scalloped edge, holding a lamp with a white shade, a vase of white flowers, and several decorative containers. Two yellow ottomans are placed under the table. The floor is made of light-colored stone tiles. A white circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

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e-design from afar

guide

Let's get started!

HOW TO: PHOTOGRAPH YOUR SPACE



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*"Because every picture
tells a story... "*

—(UNKNOWN)

Here's how to best capture the full scope of your space:

1. Start by taking a photo of each wall individually.
2. Then stand in each corner of your room and take a photo facing outward into the space.
3. You also need to photograph your floor and ceiling so we can use it as a reference point during our design process. It helps us to see existing lighting and any detail on the ceiling.
4. Then, take some close up shots of focal points in the space, i.e., fireplace, built-ins, architectural elements, etc.
5. Don't forget to include any existing pieces of furniture that you would like to keep so we can incorporate them into your design plan.
6. You can upload up to 10 photos, no more than 2 MB each.

HOW TO: MEASURE YOUR SPACE

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Required materials:


pencil, paper, ruler, tape measure
(we recommend a fractional tape measure)
and digital camera

HOW TO MEASURE

STEP 1

Using a ruler, create a rough sketch of your space. In the sketch include: all doors (including closets), windows, plug outlets, light switches, existing hard-wired lighting (ceiling, sconces), heating and any ventilation units. Also, please include any architectural elements such as fireplaces, stairs, etc.

You can either fax the sketch to us at 1.888.639.0639, or photograph it and email it to us at info@hartleyandhilldesign.com.



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and we'd be
glad to help.

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STEP 2

Measure each wall in the space from corner to corner, to within one-eighth of an inch.

Don't forget to include the overall height of each wall from floor to ceiling.

Please mark the measurements on your sketch.

*"I've never seen elegance
go out of style."*

—SONYA TECLAI



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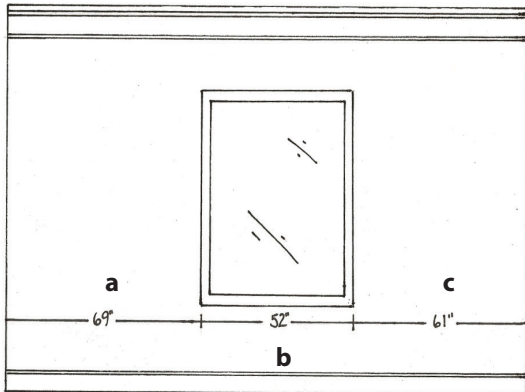
STEP 3

Mark all doors and wall openings on the sketch, and please measure those too. For example, if there is a wall with a window in the middle:

- a.** Measure from the corner of the wall to the outside trim of the window (see diagram 1).
- b.** Measure the width of the window from outside trim to outside trim.
- c.** Measure the remaining space from the outside of the window trim to the opposite corner of the next wall.

note: Don't forget to include the height of the window: from the floor to the bottom of the trim of the window; the overall height of the window; from bottom of trim to top of trim; and from top of trim to the ceiling or the crown molding if any (see diagram 2).

diagram 1





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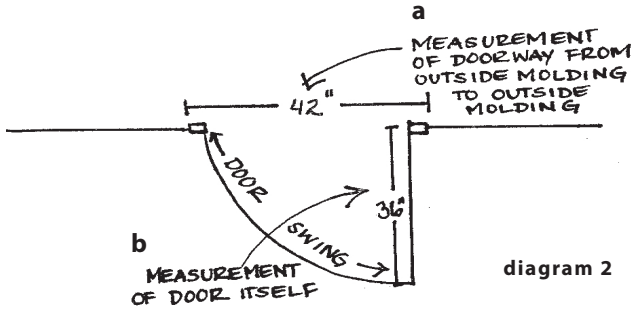
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STEP 4

Measure doors the same way you did the windows (see STEP 3).

- a. Note the height from the top of the molding to the floor.
- b. Measure the door itself and note the way it opens (see diagram 2).



*"There is nothing like staying
at home for real comfort."*

—JANE AUSTEN

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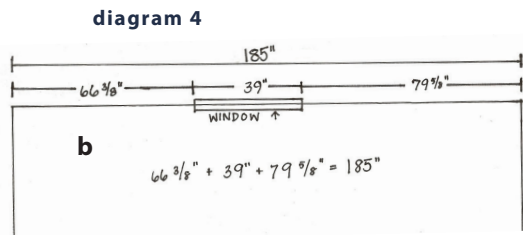
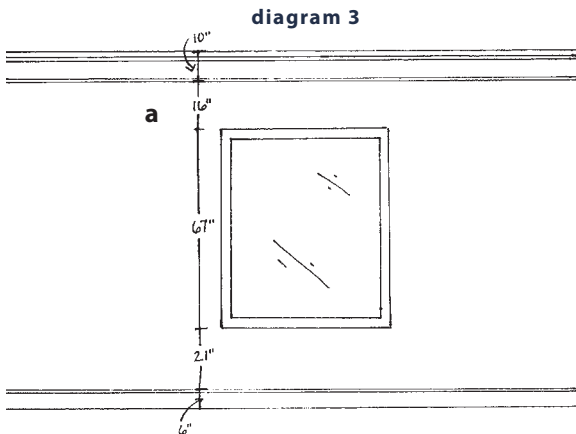


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STEP 5

After each wall has been measured and noted on your sketch:

- Check that the sum of the interior measurements is equal to the exterior measurements (see diagram 3). Continue this process around your sketch.
- Please also note the height and thickness of all moldings (baseboard, wainscoting, crown, etc.) (see diagram 4).



Here's
how your
measurements
should look.