

Maker & Son - Complimentary Floor Planning and Design Service

Tips for Measuring your Space

Whether you are considering an upgrade to your outdated and tired sofa, or furnishing your new home, we are here to take the stress out of your planning. Choosing new furniture pieces, layouts, fabrics and colour can be a little daunting. Here at Maker & Son we offer a complimentary *Floor Planning Service* that removes the guesswork and will help you to refine your choice to beautiful pieces that will work best for you and your home.

Before finessing the finer details there are some very important factors that should be considered to help you narrow down your search for the perfect sofa.

Firstly, what is it that you use the room for? Is it a space for you to snuggle up with the family to enjoy a movie, a sanctuary to get lost in a good book or a formal room to host friends and guests? All of these scenarios may lend themselves to a different room layout and furniture style. For example, in a family room you may want to consider a large snuggly corner sofa with multiple footstools; whereas, for a snug or library, an all enveloping loveseat would be perfect.

Secondly, consider the flow of the room. Is the room used as a walkthrough to access other areas of the home? In this instance you may want to avoid using a footstool which may obstruct the flow of the room or you may choose to use a corner sofa to create a defined zone. Alternatively your room may be secluded and private, lending itself to a snug seating arrangement that only needs to allow additional room for a coffee table and floor lamps.

Finally, what are the focal points of the room? Do you wish to arrange your furniture around a large open fire, a full height window with beautiful views or maybe a modest bookcase. Considering the above can help you to create a zone within your room that not only assists with the flow of your day to day life but also celebrates your favorite features.

The Maker&Son Experience - Floorplanning, what we need from you.

- 1.) Measurements for your room. Pick a starting point (*a doorway is usually best*) and methodically work your way around the space marking the measurements on a rough sketch as you go. Be sure to include features such as windows, integrated storage or gradient changes. The sketch does not need to be perfect and certainly does not need to be to scale.

Tip: Be sure to measure features such as fireplaces and alcoves carefully, these will often not be symmetrical, so never assume one alcove or fireplace is the same size as another.

- 2.) Photos of the space. Pictures speak a thousand words, take as many images as you can. This all adds context to your sketch and will help with creating your floor plan.
- 3.) What if you don't have access to the property to measure? Estate agents' floor plans work well and will always / almost always have the maximum and minimum dimensions of the room length and width. If you have architect plans, these are perfect as they will be accurate to scale and give the best base point to draw from. We can accept these as either PDF files, JPEG files or DWG. files.