PLANNING GUIDE











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S E A T I N G

For any type of party, it is crucial to consider the appropriate amount of space needed to accommodate the number of guests you plan to host. Here are some suggestions to help you plan the necessary amount of space for your event.

Seating Style	Space Needed
Standing/Cocktail	6 sq. ft./ guest
Cocktail w/ Partial seating	8-10 sq ft/ person
Banquet Tables with Seating	8-10 sq ft/ person
Round tables with Seating	10-12 sq ft/ person
Theater/Cermony	5-8 sq. ft./ person

Spacing Tips:

*For Wedding Ceremony seating: The aisle should be at least 48" wide. The distance between chair rows should be at least 24". The first row should be at least 72" away from the alter.

*For Classroom Style Seating: Allow 30 inches between tables for seating on one side of the table only. Divide the room area in square feet by 10 for maximum seating.

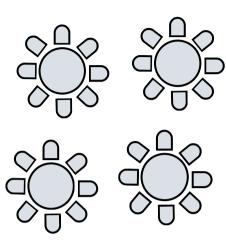
*Allow for 54" between edge of two round tables (includes room for seating)

*Allow for 60" between edge of two banquet tables (includes room for seating)

*Allow 24" clearance along edge of table for walking, etc.

TYPES OF SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

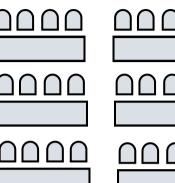
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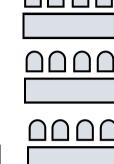


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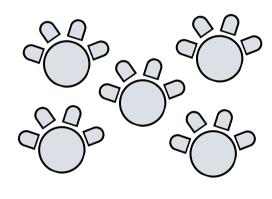
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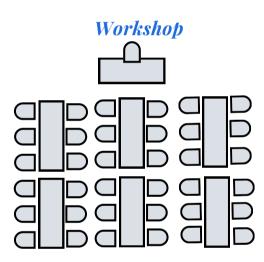
Classroom





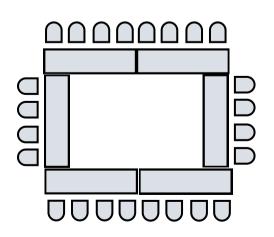
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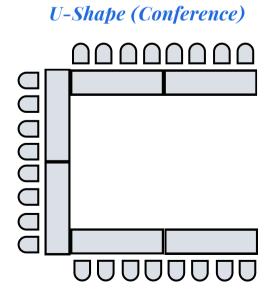




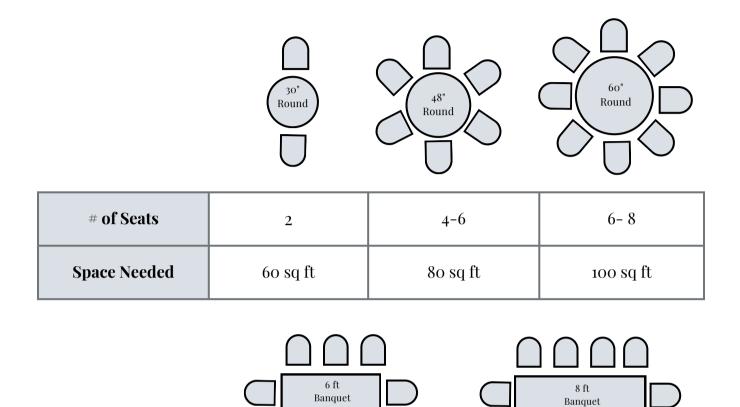
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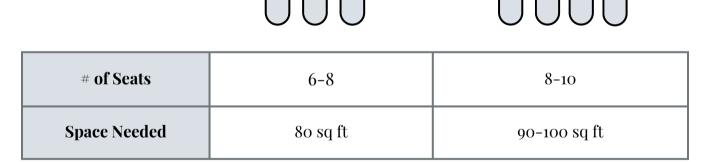
Hollow square (Conference)





TABLES





Other Table Space Requirements to Consider:

Buffet Tables	75-100 sq ft/table
Bar	100 sq ft
DJ Area	100 sq ft
Gift Table	50-60 sq ft
Cake Table	50 sq ft

LINEN SIZE CHART

	8ft Banquet	6ft Banquet	60" Round	48" Round	30" Round 30" height	30" Round 42" height
60 x 102 Banquet	\times	15" Drop	\times	X	\times	X
60 x 126 Banquet	15" Drop	Х	Х	Х	\times	X
90x132 Banquet	X	Floor Length	X	X	X	X
90x156 Banquet	Floor Length	X	Х	X	X	X
90" Round	Х	X	15" Drop/ Half Drop	21" Drop	30" Drop/ Floor Length	30" Drop
108" Round	X	X	24" Drop	30" Drop/ Floor Length	Х	39" Drop/ Almost floor length
120" Round	X	X	30" Drop/ Floor Length	X	X	45" Puddle Drop/ Floor Length when tied

DANCE FLOOR

When calculating what size dance floor you will need for your event, consider your total count of guests and then multiply that by 40% to determine approximately how many dancers you will have on the floor. Plan for 1 Floor Panel/ 2 guests.

For example, if you expect 100 guests x 40%= 40. 40 guests divided by 2=20 Dance Floor Panels. According to the Chart Below, you would need a 12x15 dance floor.

Floor Size	# of Dancers	Total Sq Ft	# of Panels	
6x6	8	36	4	
6x9	12	54	6	
6x12	16	72	8	
6x15	20	90	10	
9X9	14	81	9	
9X12	24	108	12	
9X15	30	135	15	
9x18	36	162	18	
9X21	42	189	21	
9X24	48	216	24	

Floor Size	# of Dancers	Total Sq Ft	# of Panels
9X27	54	243	27
12X12	32	144	16
12X15	40	180	20
12X18	48	216	24
12X21	56	252	28
12X24	64	288	32
15X15	50	225	25
15X18	60	270	30
15X21	70	315	35
18x18	78	324	36

FINDING YOUR RIGHT TENT

The appropriate sized tent is one of the most important questions that needs answered, but how do you know what size you would need. To better help ensure you have the adequate size tent for your event, we've included this guide. Just follow these basic steps and then refer to tent size chart on the next page to calculate the right size you will need.

STEP 1: Measure

First things first, how much space is available at your location/venue? Measure the entire workable area of the space. So that way you know your limitations

STEP 2: Choose your Style

Once you know what sizes your limited to, its time to decide on what style tent will use? There are 3 main types we offer. Each having their own unique qualities. You can read about each one below.









Frame Tents

This style is referred to as a frame tent because the structure of the tent is a free standing frame often made out of anodized aluminum. These tents are simple in design, yet weighted down which allow them to withstand high winds. Frame tents have no center poles and can be placed on virtually any surface secured by either stakes or barrels/blocks..

Pole Tents

Pole tents have some number of center poles, as well as poles around the perimeter; these tents are supported by those center and side poles through pulled tension from poles to stakes. Pole tents typically require more space than frame tents, due to the fact that the stakes that help hold them up must be placed further away from the perimeter of the tent than the staking distance frame tents typically need.

Festival/High Peak Tents

Although in the technical category of frame tent, these tents are basically a frame tent/ Pole Tent Hybrid. It takes the aluminum framework of a frame tent with a suspended pole atop two cross cables to create a high peaked ceiling. Like a frame tent, it can be set up on any terrain, so you don't have to be too choosy when it comes to your venue.

STEP 3: Guest Count & Layout

How many total guests are you expecting? Once you can answer that, you can decide on the seating style you are planning on accommodating. Calculate the needed square footage using the chart from page 3. Then, multiply that square footage by total number of guests.

For Example, You expect 80 guests and are choosing a formal dinner layout. According to the chart, you'll need a minimum of 10 sq ft/person. 80x10=800 sq ft.

STEP 4: Additional Space Requirements

What else will you be needing under your tent? be sure to calculate for any and all other additional space needed for entertainment, buffets, displays and whatever else. Here are some standard examples to refer by:

Aisle(s)	3 ft times required length
8' Buffet Table or 6' Bar	80 sq ft/ Table
Head Table	60-80 sq ft/ Table
DJ Tables	60 sq ft
Dance Floor/ Stage	Square feet of Dance floor + 25%
	Example: 12x12 Dance floor= 144 sq ft + 48 sq ft
	(25%)= 192 sq ft Total Needed

STEP 5: Calculate your Total

Add up everything from Steps 3 and 4. Then refer to the Tent Capacity Chart on the Following Page to find the closest square footage of tent required.

Example Scenario;

Formal dinner seating for 80 guests =800 sq ft + 2 Head Tables= 120 + 2 Buffet Tables and 1 bar= 240 sq ft +DJ table= 60 sq ft + 12x12 dance floor=192 sq ft **Total Square Footage: 1412 sq ft min.**

So, you would need 1,600 sq ft which is a 40' x 40' or 20' x 80' tent.

The number you just calculated is the Bare Minimum square footage you Need. Remember, you can't go below the number you came up with. ALWAYS round up.

TENT SIZE CAPACITY CHART

Tent Size	Total Sq Ft	Ceremomy Seating (w/ Aisle & Alter)	Standing Cocktail (w/ Bar)	Sit Down Dinner (with Round Tables)	Sit Down Dinner (with Round Tables)
20X20	400	44 Guests	50 Guests	40 Guests	33 Guests
20X30	600	66 Guests	75 Guests	60 Guests	50 Guests
20X40	800	88 Guests	100 Guests	80 Guests	66 Guests
20X50	1000	111 Guests	125 Guests	100 Guests	83 Guests
20x60	1200	133 Guests	150 Guests	120 Guests	100 Guests
20x80	1600	177 Guests	200 Guests	160 Guests	133 Guests
30X30	900	100 Guests	112 Guests	90 Guests	75 Guests
30X45	1350	150 Guests	168 Guests	135 Guests	112 Guests
30x60	1800	200 Guests	225 Guests	180 Guests	150 Guests
40X40	1600	177 Guests	200 Guests	160 Guests	133Guests
40x60	2400	266 Guests	300 Guests	240 Guests	200 Guests
40x80	3200	355 Guests	400 Guests	320 Guests	266 Guests
40X100	4000	444 Guests	500 Guests	400 Guests	333 Guests
40X120	4800	533 Guests	600 Guests	480 Guests	400 Guests
40X140	5600	622 Guests	700 Guests	560 Guests	466 Guests



DATE	
TIME	
PLACE	

FOR?	
THEME	
BUDGET	

PLANNING CHECKLIST

- Choose a Theme
- 🔵 Create a Guest List
- ◯ Find a Venue/Choose Location
- 🔿 Pick date & Time
- 🔿 Determine a Budget
- Buy/Make Invitations
- Send out Invitations (with an RSVP date)
- 🔿 Plan a Menu or Book a Caterer
- O Decide on Decorations/Supplies
- 🔿 Make a Shopping List
- 🔿 Book Rentals (Tent, Tables, Chairs, etc.)
- O Purchase Supplies
- Order Cake
- () Book Entertainment (if applicable)
- O Put together Party Favors/bags
- Make Decorations (if applicable)
- Clean House (if doing it at home)
- 🔘 Confirm all Vendors
- 🔵 Prepare Food
- 🔵 Blow up Balloons/decorate
- ◯ Get your Party Dress on & Party!
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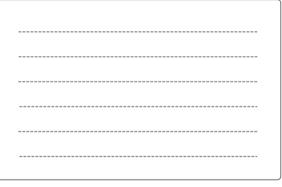
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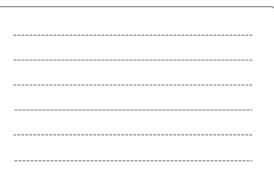
GUEST LIST

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ACTIVITIES/GAMES



MENU





12 MONTHS BEFORE

	Make a Guest List	
	Decide on Style/Theme & Color Scheme	
	Choose a Bridal Party	
	Book a Venue	
	Hire Photographer	
	Hire Band and/or DJ	
	Wedding Dress Shopping	
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9 M	DNTHS BEFORE	
	Select caterer	
	Select invitations	

3	MONTHS BEFORE	
Γ	Create seating chart	_

- Choose guest favours
- Meet with the officiant
- Hair and makeup trial
- Book transport
- Choose ceremony songs

ONTH BEFORE

- Dress fitting
- Pick up the marriage license
- Write wedding vows
- Finalize the guest count

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Practice wedding vows
- Mani & Pedi
- Facial treatment
- Hair appointment

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Send thank you cards
- Share photos

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose wedding rings
- Book honeymoon
- Schedule wedding shower
- Send invitations
- Order wedding cake

Book flowers

- Wedding website
- Order invitations

Bridesmaid dresses



Ceremony & Reception

 Ceremony site
 Reception site
 Officiant
 Marriage license
 Catering
 Bar ど drinks
 Bride's cake
 Groom's cake
 Rentals
 Couple's transportation
 Music
 Tips

Wardrobe & Beauty

- Bride's dress ____ Headpiece and veil Bride's shoes _____ Lingerie Jewelry and accessories Groom's tuxedo _____ Groom's shoes Groom's accessories Bride's and groom's rings _____ Hair and makeup Mani / pedi
 - Teeth whitening

Flowers & Decor

 Ceremony decorations
 Bride's bouquet
 Bridesmaid bouquets
 Flower girl accessories
 Corsages
 Boutonnieres
 Reception centerpieces
 Ring pillow

Photography

- _____ Wedding photographer
- _____ Bridal session
- Engagement session
- _____ Videography
- _____ Wedding album
 - Parent albums
- Prints for venue

Stationery

- _____ Save-the-date cards Invitations and envelopes _____
- _____ Programs
- ____ Seating & menu cards
- _____ Thank-you cards
 - Guest book
 - Postage
 - Calligraphy

Gifts & Favors

- Bridesmaid gifts
- Groomsmen gifts
- _____ Attendant gifts
- _____ Parent gifts
- _____ Officiant gift

Favors

- Bride & groom gifts _____
- TOTAL



DATF: LOCATION:

LINENS

- TABLES/CHAIRS
- Folding Chairs (white)
- Wood Folding Chairs
- Portable Cooling/Tent Heater
- **Standing Propane Heaters**

OUTDOOR/TENTING

Main Event Tent

Tent Side Walls

Other Tents

- Trash Cans
- **Standing Ash Trays**
- **Crowd Control Barriers**
- Tent/String Lighting

CEREMONY

Iron Arch White Lattice Arch Greek Arch Greek Columns Urns/baskets

- - (white or Ivory)
- 8ft Tables
- 6ft Tables
- 60in Round Tables
- Cocktail Tables
- Other Tables

DINING/SERVING

- Glassware
 - Flatware
- Plates
- Chaffing Dishes
- Serving Pitchers
- Tea Dispenser

- **Banquet Tablecloths**
- **Round Tablecloths**
- Floor Length Tablecloths
- Stretch Table covers
- Stretch Chair Covers
- Runners
- **Chair Sashes**
- **Overlays**
- Napkins

CONFERENCE

- Seminar Tables
- Podium
- Projector
- **Projector Screen**
- **Presentation Easel**
- P.A. System
- Extra Mic

OTHER

- Galvanized Tubs
- Chocolate/Champagne Fountains
- Centerpieces