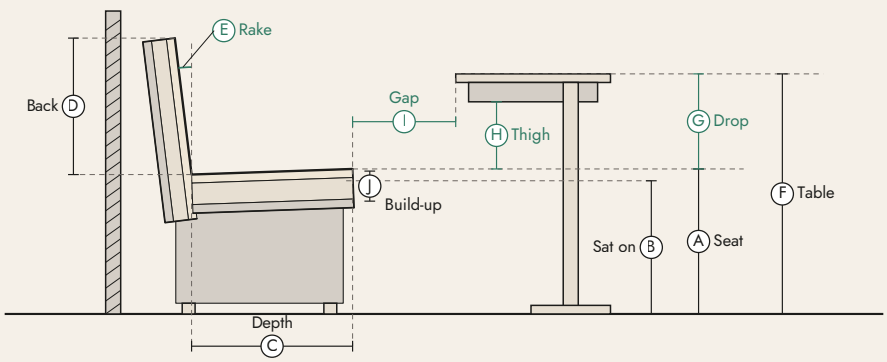
Banquette *dimensions*: seat, back and table

Every banquette dimension drawn with its datum: finished or as-sat-on seat height, depth, back, rake, the vertical drop and the horizontal gap. Ranges are conventional practice to be confirmed by the workshop on a mock-up.

AT A GLANCE

Ref	Dimension	Typical range	Measured from and to	Notes
A	Finished seat height, unloaded	about 430 to 460 mm	Finished floor to the top of the seat at the front edge, nobody sitting	Set the table from this. It is the figure the drawings should carry.
B	Seat height as sat on	A less the compression allowance, [ ] mm	The same points, with a sitter	The workshop states the allowance for the build.
C	Seat depth	about 450 to 550 mm	Front edge of the seat to the face of the back, at seat level	Depth also decides how upright the diner sits.
D	Back height above seat	set by the design: low back or booth	Top of the seat at the back to the top of the back, vertical	One teaching guide gives 305 to 508 mm for dining chairs.
E	Back rake	[ ] degrees	Front face of the back from vertical (state the datum)	See the seat rake and slope sheet.
F	Table top height	720 to 760 mm	Finished floor to the top of the table	See the table heights sheet.
G	Drop: table top above seat	about 280 to 300 mm	Top of the seat (A) to the top of the table	A vertical distance. Do not confuse it with I.
H	Thigh room	at least about 200 mm	Top of the seat to the underside of the apron or rail	Keep the base clear of the knees.
I	Gap: seat front to table edge	set on a mock-up	Horizontal, front edge of the seat to the table edge	Published figures disagree, so none is given here.
J	Upholstery build-up	stated for each build	Top of the frame deck to the top of the seat, unloaded	A equals the deck height plus J.
	Seat width per diner	about 550 to 600 mm	Along the run, centre to centre of diners	Corner and curved runs change the count.

Millimetres, from the finished floor. Ranges are conventional practice that we publish elsewhere on this site, to be confirmed by our partner workshop for each design; a blank [ ] means no figure is given because none could be verified. Final dimensions are fixed on the shop drawing and a mock-up.



A banquette in section, with each dimension lettered to match the table above. Heights A, F, G and H are drawn to the published ranges; rake, depth, back height and the horizontal gap are schematic. Not to scale. Original drawing by Make Bespoke Studio.

WORKED EXAMPLE: FROM TABLE TO SEAT

Step	Working	Result
Table top (F)	set by the table design	745 mm
Drop (G)	within 280 to 300 mm	295 mm
Finished seat height, unloaded (A)	745 mm less 295 mm	450 mm
Frame deck height	A less the build-up (J) from the workshop's drawing	[ ] mm

SPECIFICATION WORDING

BANQUETTE SEAT

Banquette seat: finished seat height [450] mm (tolerance [ ] mm), measured from finished floor level to the top of the seat at the front edge, unloaded. Seat height as sat on [ ] mm. Seat depth [ ] mm to the face of the back at seat level. Back height above seat [ ] mm. Back rake [ ] degrees from vertical. Seat slope [ ] degrees from horizontal. Upholstery build-up [ ] mm. Heights and angles to be confirmed on a full-size mock-up with the real build before production.

TABLE RELATIONSHIP

Table top [745] mm above finished floor level, [295] mm above the finished seat height (unloaded). Underside of apron or rail not less than [200] mm above the seat. Horizontal gap from seat front edge to table edge [ ] mm, set on the mock-up. Table base clear of the diners' knees.

WALL INTERFACE AND SEATING PLAN

Banquette run [ ] mm long, dimensioned from the finished wall on the shop drawing, with seat width per diner [ ] mm and the table positions shown. Back [fixed to structure behind the wall finish]; allowance for skirting and services [ ] mm; access panels at [ ]. Loose seating to be provided at [ ] tables for wheelchair users.

TERMS USED

Banquette

A long upholstered seat fixed to a wall or built into the room, with tables set in front of it. Common in restaurants and bars because it fits more diners and creates a formal edge to the room.

Finished seat height

The height of the top of the upholstered seat above the finished floor. It is different unloaded and when sat on, because foam and feather compress, so drawings should state which one they mean.

Table drop

The vertical distance between the top of the seat and the top of the table. Our table-heights guidance uses about 280-300 mm; some suppliers use the same words for a horizontal gap, so the datum must be defined.

Back rake

The angle of the backrest. It can be measured from the vertical or as the angle between seat and back, so the drawing must say which; the two conventions give very different numbers.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- Approved Document M, Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellings (2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments): paragraphs 4.13 and 4.16 read; no banquette dimensions are given.
- BS 8300-2:2018: design of an accessible and inclusive built environment; named as the reference, not read for this sheet.
- BS EN 16139:2025: non-domestic seating strength and durability; its informative annex of recommended dimensions has not been read.
- Make Bespoke Studio: Banquette seating, and Table heights: the ranges for seat, depth, width per diner and drop are those we publish there.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/banquette-dimensions. Make Bespoke Studio coordinates manufacture through its partner workshops. Figures are guidance only and your specification governs; some may be superseded, so contact the studio to verify.