Dining table *sizes* by number of covers, in mm

Dining table sizes in millimetres by number of covers, for rectangular, round and square tables at three pitches, with the allowance for armchairs, corner legs and head seats.

AT A GLANCE

What	Range (mm unless stated)	Basis	Notes
Table edge per cover (pitch)	600 least; 650 comfortable; 750 generous	Practice	The three columns used throughout. Arms and fine dining at the upper end.
Place setting	600 to 750 wide x 350 deep	Practice, drawn	Plate 270 across. The zone each cover takes on the table.
Table width, two facing rows	700 least; 800 usual; 900 to 1,000 with shared dishes	Setting depth x 2 + the middle	800 leaves 100 between settings; 1,000 leaves 300.
Rectangular, 4, 6 and 8 covers	1,200 to 1,500; 1,800 to 2,250; 2,400 to 3,000 long	Arithmetic	Seats on the long sides only. A seat at each end: see the rectangular table below. A square for 4 is 800 x 800.
Round, 4 and 6 covers	800 to 950; 1,150 to 1,430 across	Arithmetic	Round the diameter up to the next size the workshop makes.
Round, 8 and 10 covers	1,530 to 1,910; 1,910 to 2,390 across	Arithmetic	The free middle of a large round is wide: 960 at 8 covers and 650 pitch.
Armchairs	Add about 100 to the pitch	Arithmetic, 600 wide chair	At 600 pitch 600 wide arms touch; at 700 they have 100 between.
Corner legs, sides-only table	Add about 90 to 240 to the length	Arithmetic, example leg	Or inset the legs. Head seats need no extra for a leg.
Room around the table	750 to 900 beyond each long edge	Restaurant sheet	450 sitting zone + 300 to 450 pull-out, before any aisle.

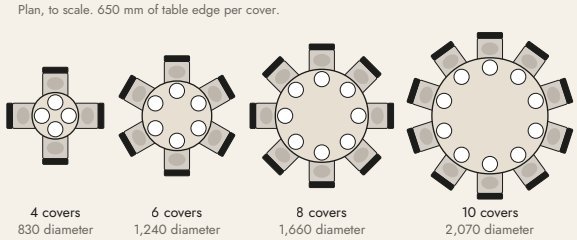
Millimetres. No UK standard or regulation gives a table size per cover: every figure is practice, or arithmetic from the stated pitch, setting depth and chair sizes. Confirm with the partner workshop and on a mock-up.

RECTANGULAR TABLES BY COVERS (MM)

Covers	Layout	Sides only 600	650	750	Head seats 600	650	750
4	2 a side	1,200	1,300	1,500			
6	3 a side	1,800	1,950	2,250	1,900	2,000	2,200
8	4 a side	2,400	2,600	3,000	2,500	2,650	2,950
10	5 a side	3,000	3,250	3,750	3,100	3,300	3,700
12	6 a side	3,600	3,900	4,500	3,700	3,950	4,450

Sides only: L = n/2 x pitch. Head seats: L = (n - 2)/2 x pitch + 700 (full setting at each end); head seats sharing the corner use the row for two covers fewer. Width 800 to 900. Pitch is table edge per cover.

ROUND TABLES BY COVERS (MM ACROSS)



To scale, at 650 mm a cover. Example values.

Covers	Round across at 600	650	750
4	800	830	950
6	1,150	1,240	1,430
8	1,530	1,660	1,910
10	1,910	2,070	2,390
12	2,290	2,480	2,860

D = n x pitch / 3.14, not less than 800, rounded to 10. The free middle at 650 is D - 700.

ALLOWANCES

- Armchairs: add about 100 to the pitch (600 wide chair touches at 600).
- Corner legs (70 square, set in 100, knee zone 450 wide): a side seat at the corner clashes; start it 195 in, which adds 45 to 120 to each end of a sides-only table.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

TABLE SIZE

Dining table [rectangular / round], top [1,950 x 900] mm, [6] covers at [650] mm of table edge per cover, settings [350] mm deep, [no / a full setting at each end]. Overall height [745] mm to the top surface from finished floor level. Dimensions are finished sizes to the shop drawing [ref], tolerance [ ] mm. Size confirmed on a mock-up with chair [ref] before production.

CHAIRS, LEGS AND KNEE SPACE

Chairs [450] mm wide [side chairs / armchairs 600 mm wide], pitch increased to [700] mm for armchairs. Legs [70 x 70] mm, set in [100] mm from the end and the long edge, with a clear knee zone [450 wide x 300 deep] at every place. Any change to a chair or leg size to be re-checked against the table drawing before production.

LARGE AND EXTENDING TABLES

Top supplied in [one piece / sections joined on site] with the join [located and finished as the shop drawing]. Overhang beyond the supports not more than [ ] mm, confirmed by [the workshop / structural engineer] for the top material and thickness [ ] mm. Extending mechanism [type], extended length [ ] mm, with the extra covers [ ] at the pitch above.

TERMS USED

Chair pull-out
The extra space needed behind a chair so a diner can slide it back and stand up. It is added to the table edge when planning gaps and aisles.

Pitch
The length of table edge given to each cover, measured along the edge. It is the number that sets table length and round table diameter.

Head seat
A place at the end of a rectangular table. Its setting overlaps the first side setting unless the table is made longer.

Knee zone
The plan area under the top where a seated diner's knees and thighs pass. Legs and frames are kept out of it.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- No standard or regulation read gives a table size per cover: the sizes here are practice and plan arithmetic, stated in the table notes.
- Approved Document M, Volume 2 (2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments; England): searched for table, desk and cover sizes: none given.
- BS EN 15372 (non-domestic tables), BS 8300-2:2018: named for strength and accessible design; not read. Confirm against the current editions.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/dining-table-sizes-by-number-of-covers. 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.