

Shopping for a table? Things to consider...

- **How much space do you have?** Ideally there would be three feet of clearance from the edge of the table to the wall or next piece of furniture. For example, a space 12' long could accommodate a table a maximum of 6' long (12' minus {2x3'} of clearance).
- **How many do you need to seat on a daily basis? On special occasions?**
- **Do you need company board extensions** to expand your seating options? Our most popular size is 18". We also sell 12" or 24" company boards. They fit into each end of the table and remove completely when not in use. One pair of 18" or 24" company boards will add 4 places to your table.
- **How wide would you like your table to be?** Our standard range of widths, included in our regular pricing, is anywhere from 36" to 42" wide. We can make tables narrower or wider, but be aware that too narrow and you won't be able to seat people opposite each other (not enough room for full place settings, or worse, knees bumping under the table!), or too wide and you won't be able to reach the center of the table while seated at it. That said, some very large, open rooms look best with a wider-than-average table.
- **What height would you like your table to be?** Our farm tables tend to range from 30"H to about 32"H, depending on the thickness of the tabletop. You may specify a height within that range, if you choose. We also make higher tables. Counter-height tables are 36"H and bar height (also called pub height) tables are 42"H. We do not recommend customizing with non-standard heights. You need your table to work with standard table-, counter- and bar-height chairs and stools.
- **What thickness do you like for the table top - 1", 2" or 3"?** All thicknesses are nominal, usually measuring slightly less than their description
- **How rustic do you want the surface to be?** We call this "*character*". The smoothest tables are low character, the "roughest"/most rustic are high character. All our pines are available in low, medium and high character. Hardwoods, being *hard woods*, are usually only found in low or low-to-medium character.

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- **What type of wood do you like?** We offer two categories, with two different price points.
Pines include white pine, yellow pine, spruce, hemlock and fir.
Hardwoods include reclaimed oak or American Chestnut, or new oak, black walnut, cherry and maple. Hardwoods cost 75% more than pines. (Pine price x 1.75)

- **Do you want legs, a pedestal or a trestle base?**
Leg styles - tapered, turned, square, cabriole
Pedestal styles - (a single center post that supports the tabletop) turned, pear pedestal
Trestles - (supports on each end of the table, spanned by a horizontal crossbeam)
More than 20 trestle styles available, check out our TABLES photo album

- **What shape table do you want?** We can make round, square, rectangular or oval. Company board extensions will work for square or rectangular tables only.

- **What color table would you like?** Are we trying to closely match or complement other furniture or flooring in your room? If so, can you provide us with a sample? If not, can you find a photo in one of our albums or a piece of furniture on the showroom floor that looks like the color you want? (Note - some woods have strong gold or red undertones. We can help you find a wood type that will work best for your ideal table color.)

- **Do you want the table base to match the top, or would you like it to be painted** or stained a different color? Paint colors included in our regular pricing are *black, bright white, antiqued white, sandstone (grey-beige) and dark sage (grey-green)*. These are all wonderfully neutral colors. You are welcome to choose any Benjamin Moore paint color for an additional \$75 per color. Just get back to us with the Benjamin Moore paint name and number.

- **Would you like the paint to be distressed?** *Distressing* refers to areas of the paint which have been deliberately rubbed away to give the appearance of age or wear to the furniture. We then apply a colored wax glaze over top so the exposed wood doesn't look "new". You may choose light, medium or heavy distressing - or none at all.

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