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## Desk Space Planning

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### Q1. What's the most important clearance to get right?

**A:** Chair clearance behind the desk — 36" minimum, 48" preferred. Everything else can be adjusted, but if the chair can't roll out properly, the workspace doesn't function. Measure this first.

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### Q2. How do I know if an L-shaped desk fits in my room?

**A:** Measure both wall segments where the L will sit. Confirm each wall is long enough for the corresponding desk dimension, plus 6" of breathing room on each end. Then check the 36"–48" chair clearance from the inside corner of the L.

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### Q3. What's the minimum room size for a private office desk setup?

**A:** An 8x10 room is the practical minimum for a single desk with proper clearances. That fits a 60" desk on the long wall with 36" of chair clearance and 18" on each side. Smaller rooms are workable but feel tight.

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### Q4. Can I do my own space plan without design software?

**A:** Yes. Graph paper (1 square = 1 foot) works perfectly. Cut out scale rectangles for desk footprints and chairs, then arrange them on the room drawing. Check clearances against the standards in this guide. It takes 15 minutes and catches most problems.

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### Q5. How do I plan for future growth when buying desks?

**A:** Buy desks that are part of a system or line that can be extended (matching returns, credenzas, benching add-ons). Plan circulation paths at 44" instead of 36" if you expect to add workstations — you can always use the extra space before you fill in with additional desks.

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