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Need-to-know numbers: the dining room

Chances are your dining room sees more action this season than any other time of the year. With family and friends gathered round the table, you'll want to make sure your space measures up. Here, expert advice from Richmond, Virginia-based interior designer Susan Jamieson. Just don't call us if you need to loosen your belt.

—KATELIN HILL

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Choose the right-size light fixture

An out-of-proportion fixture can throw off an entire room. As a rule, add the length and width of the room in feet for the ideal diameter of the fixture, in inches. So a 20-by-25-foot room calls for a 45-inch fixture. Next, the fixture should be proportionate to the dining table. Make sure your table is at least 1 foot wider than the light on all sides.

