

Dollhouse Scale Explained

BIG WORLD. MINIATURE MAGIC.



Dollhouse scale is the relationship between a miniature object and its real-life size. The smaller the scale, the more miniature the world becomes!

Use our calculator to convert real dimensions into the perfect miniature size.



WHAT IS SCALE?

Scale tells us how many times smaller (or larger) a miniature is compared to the real thing.

$$\text{Miniature Size} = \frac{\text{Real Size}}{\text{Scale}}$$

EXAMPLE: A 72" real sofa in 1:12 scale
 $72 \div 12 = 6"$ (miniature sofa size)

COMMON DOLLHOUSE SCALES & THEIR USES

SCALE	RATIO (1:1)	ABOUT THIS SCALE	COMMON USES	EXAMPLE	
1:6 Scale (One-Sixth)	1:6	Large scale that shows incredible detail and craftsmanship. Pieces are bigger and easier to handle.	♥ Luxury dollhouses ♥ Fashion dolls (Barbie®, Fashion Royalty®) ♥ Highly detailed furniture & rooms		
1:12 Scale (One-Twelfth)	1:12	The most popular dollhouse scale and the industry standard. Great balance of detail and availability.	♥ Standard dollhouses & mini rooms ♥ Wide variety of furniture & accessories ♥ Miniatures, kits, and DIY projects		
1:24 Scale (One-Twenty Fourth)	1:24	Smaller scale with lots of options for collections and display. Requires finer detail work.	♥ Smaller dollhouses ♥ Collector miniatures ♥ Scenes with more pieces in less space		
1:48 Scale (One-Forty Eighth)	1:48	Very small scale—perfect for creating big worlds in limited space. Best for experienced miniaturists.	♥ Architectural models ♥ Dioramas & roomboxes ♥ Large settings like villages		
1:144 Scale (One-One Forty Fourth)	1:144	Ultra miniature scale. Extremely small and detailed. Often used for specialty projects.	♥ Model railroads (N scale) ♥ Tiny dioramas ♥ Advanced miniature artistry		

★ NOTE: Not all items are made in every scale. When shopping, always check the scale of the item to ensure it matches your project.

REALITY vs SCALED REPLICA

REAL LIFE	1:6 SCALE	1:12 SCALE	1:24 SCALE	1:48 SCALE	1:144 SCALE
Armchair Width: 30" Height: 36" Depth: 32"	Width: 5" Height: 6" Depth: 5 1/3"	Width: 2 1/2" Height: 3" Depth: 2 2/3"	Width: 1 1/4" Height: 1 1/2" Depth: 1 1/3"	Width: 5/8" Height: 3/4" Depth: 2/3"	Width: 3/16" Height: 3/4" Depth: 1/3"

💡 Tip: Measure the real object (in inches or mm) and divide by your scale number to find the miniature size.
Example: 30" chair width in 1:12 scale → $30 \div 12 = 2.5"$ wide

QUICK TIPS FOR BEGINNERS



Choose Your Scale First

Your scale choice affects the size of your dollhouse, furniture, and accessories.



Stay Consistent

Mixing scales can make items look out of place or unrealistic.



Read Product Descriptions

Look for scale labels like 1:12 or 1:24 in product listings.



Use Our Calculator

Not sure? Let our calculator do the math for you!



♥ No matter the scale, it's the tiny details that build a world of wonder. ♥