

# 4 Things to Know Before Buying a Farm Table



This guide is designed to help those considering investing in a farm table. Over the years, Carolina Farmstead has built and delivered many different farm tables, each with its own character and story. We hope you find this guide helpful when choosing a farm table.

## 1. Know the Right Size for Your Space

In the old days, table size was simply a reflection of the number of family members that needed to be fed. Capacity was the priority but modern applications will require more thought. Your vision for how and where the table will be used can help dictate the ideal size, shape and construction.

**IMPORTANT:**  
About 2 feet of space for each person is the general rule for seating.

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**Tip:** *Lay out a blanket or sheet on the floor to get a perspective of the table size and orientation. Don't forget chair, bench or stool placement (use pillows) relative to the table, other furniture, and walls.*

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### Top 3 Challenges Related to Table Size:

1. **Too big** – Make sure people at the table don't have to push their chairs in when others need to walk around the table.
2. **Too small** – Always plan for an extra guest at the table for holidays.
3. **Wrong height** – Make sure our standard farm table height of 31" will meet your needs. If not, contact us about custom table options.

### **ASK YOURSELF:**

1. **How big is my space?** Optimal table size is determined by a number of factors. Ensuring it does not overwhelm the room or look too small is a good start.
2. **How many people do I want to fit around the table?** People come in all shapes and sizes so take into consideration the number of adults and children you'll be serving.

## What About Custom Farm Table Sizes?



If our standard sizes don't meet your needs (see the table at right), consider the following related to custom sizes:

- **Additional cost:** Custom builds will likely come with additional costs.
- **Manufacturing time:** Understand that custom builds will take more time so ask about those timeframes before ordering.
- **Seating configuration** – You don't want to get your custom table home and find out the seating configuration you had envisioned doesn't work. Make sure the type and number of seats works for the size of your custom table.

Standard Table Sizes	Seating Capacity
60" Long x 40" Wide	6
72" Long x 40" Wide	8
84" Long x 40" Wide	8-10
96" Long x 40" Wide	10
108" Long x 40" Wide	10-12

Standard Carolina Farmstead Table Sizes and Seating Capacity

## 2. Know the Right Seating for Your Guests

Chair, bench or stool? Each has advantages and considerations for comfort, spacing and function. Often overlooked, the type and style of seating can either take away from the usefulness of your table, or add to the charm and comfort of your dining set.

Matching the seat style and finish to your farm table is pretty simple. However, height, seat type, and bench length are all options to explore.

[Browse our Seating page](#) for the latest in chair, bench, and stool options for your farm table. While many of our designs have been developed to perfectly complement our standard farm table styles, most will work with custom designs as well.



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**Tip:** *Children LOVE benches. Parents love the easy cleanup and flexibility to fit extra mouths at the table when needed.*

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### ASK YOURSELF:

1. **Who will sit here?** Think about the regulars around your table and plan accordingly.
2. **How much flexibility will we need?** Different events require different seating options.

### 3. Know the Right Finish for Your Style

Farm table style options include surface finish, color (or stain), and construction. Each of these have various options and will need to be determined for either [standard](#) or [custom](#) farm table orders.

Surface	Color	Construction
<p>Options include smooth or Barnwood surface finishes. Surface preparation is part of the treatment and manufacturing of your farm table.</p> <p>How your farm table will be used helps you to determine the best surface finish.</p> <p><b>Smooth:</b> This surface treatment keeps the rustic character and feel of barn wood but is planed to a level finish.</p> <p><b>Barnwood:</b> The reclaimed barn wood surface look and feel are preserved with little concern for snags or splinters.</p>	<p>We use a variety of professional grade oils, paints, and stains and can closely match most any requested color.</p> <p><b>Farmstead Hues:</b> <a href="#">Farmstead Hues</a> were created with customers' tastes in mind and represent our most popular shades.</p> <p>Our finishing products are <a href="#">GREENGUARD certified</a> as having low chemical emissions.</p> <p>Download our Farmstead Hues colors for <a href="#">Smooth</a> and <a href="#">Barnwood</a> surfaces.</p>	<p>Table base construction options include wood and metal in various styles and colors.</p> <p><b>Wood:</b> Matching wood bases in various styles are available to match table tops.</p> <p><b>Metal:</b> Sturdy metal legs of various styles support even the largest table. Matching seating is also available.</p> <p>Browse our <a href="#">table styles</a> and <a href="#">gallery</a> to find more inspiration for your project.</p>

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**Tip:** *Consider the color palette of your space and find a complementary stain or one that closely matches existing furniture in the room.*

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#### CUSTOM TABLES:

For custom projects, send us a photo of something you like and we can usually create a similar version while respecting the copyright of the original.

[Learn more about Custom Tables](#)



## 4. Know the Best Story for Your Family

Be ready to tell a story with your farm table purchase. One day your children will be sitting around the table with their children and you'll want to make sure they can share your vision and the story behind the table.



### ASK YOURSELF:

1. **Where did the table come from?** Most of our reclaimed wood comes from barns or old buildings in Eastern North Carolina. Your table may have been a rafter in an old tobacco barn or a beam from a century-old farmhouse. When you place your farm table order, just ask and we'll see what additional information is available on the specific wood used for your project.
2. **What was the inspiration behind the purchase?** The answers can vary widely. For some, they've just always wanted a rustic table for a particular room. For others, it was the perfect gift for a loved one.
3. **Why did you select this style?** What was the original space and vision for your farm table?
4. **Who did you have in mind when you purchased it?** What do you want to happen to the table? Many of our customers have others in mind when making a farm table purchase.

You'll want to be ready to tell these stories around the table when entertaining and during family events. Perhaps the next generation will pass them along when they sit around enjoying a meal during the holidays.

## Tell us about your project!

Contact Carolina Farmstead today to start exploring options for your farm table. Be sure to consider the options and questions presented in this document so we can handcraft something just for you!

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