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GO TEAM!

Tips to help you make a **barstool selection**, just in time for Thanksgiving & the big game.

AS THE LEAVES CHANGE and Thanksgiving is in view, I typically write about your beautiful table, gracious entertaining, and all things civilized. This year I am going to veer from that and head towards the big screen. That's right, football! When we discuss being thankful, it is quite possible that someone at my table will indeed be thankful for Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide.

The trend to build/add on game rooms, wine bars, and man caves continues. In some cases, the great room transforms into an all-out football party room over the long Thanksgiving weekend. With these spaces, a key element has to be the barstool. Everyone wants them. Turns out, a barstool photo is my number one most-liked photo. Barstools are HOT! Therefore, I am going to share my tips on buying barstools.



HEIGHT

Counter stools fit at a counter height table or bar which is 36" high. The stools will be 24-26" in seat height.

Bar Stools fit at a bar height table or bar which is 42" high. The stools are typically around 30" in seat height.

If you are trying to decide on buying a bar height or counter height table for your space, keep these things in mind:

- If your room is 8-9' high, keep to the lower counter-top height. Otherwise, the space will feel cramped.
- If you are placing the tables at a window or on a deck in front of a main window, choose a countertop height as not to obstruct the view.
- If you have tall family members and the height of the room allows for the bar height, go for the bar height table.

BACK OR BACKLESS

BACKLESS
Is the chair for a quick breakfast perch?

Do you need to save space by slipping the chair under the island to get it out of the way?

BACK
Are your guests going to hang out and enjoy a game?

Are you going to do work on your countertop?

WOOD OR CUSHIONED SEAT

- Choose a wood seat if the chairs are for quick snack or breakfast use or you have children who might make a mess.
- Choose an upholstered seat if you plan to use the chair for more than 15 minutes.
- If you are concerned about food and messes, choose a performance fabric.



ARMS OR ARMLESS

- Arms are great for lounging.
- Armless chairs are easier to get in and out of when they do not swivel.
- Arms can make a tight billiards room even tighter.

SWIVEL

- Swivel chairs are great for getting in and out of without dragging a chair around.
- Choose a swivel chair with memory so that the chair always ends up facing straight at the counter.
- Do not buy a swivel chair that does not have a smaller base. I see it all the time in national catalogs, swivel chairs with bases that are just as big as the seat. When the seat is turned the base hits your legs. Awful!

WOOD OR METAL

- Metal arms may nick your countertop when the chair is moved around carelessly, so be careful.
- Metal legs can take a beating.
- Wood legs can be specified to match your floor or furnishings.



NUMBER OF STOOLS

When measuring your space, leave 26-30" from the middle of the first stool to the middle of the next and so on.



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