

How to Choose the Perfect Size Painting for Your Space

A guide to selecting a painting that feels balanced and intentional in your home

Commissioning a painting is both a personal and visual decision. While the subject carries the emotional meaning, the size of the artwork determines how the piece interacts with the room around it. Choosing the right size helps the painting feel natural in the space and allows the horse to be appreciated fully.



1. Consider Where the Painting Will Hang

Before choosing a size, imagine exactly where the painting will live.

Common locations include:

- Living rooms
- Hallways
- Offices or studies
- Farmhouses or tack rooms
- Above fireplaces or sideboards

Take a moment to stand in the room and visualize the painting on the wall. This often makes the correct size feel obvious.



2. Allow the Painting to Have Presence

A common mistake is choosing a painting that is too small for the space.

Art should have enough presence to feel intentional rather than like an afterthought.

As a general guideline:

- Small walls suit intimate portraits
- Larger walls benefit from larger canvases or full-body compositions

A painting that is slightly larger than expected often creates a stronger and more elegant visual impact.



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3. Consider Viewing Distance

Think about how close people will stand to the painting.

If the painting is viewed from across a room, a larger size allows details to be appreciated from a distance.

If it will be viewed closely, such as in a hallway or office, a smaller, more intimate portrait can feel very personal.

4. Match the Composition to the Size

Different compositions work better at different sizes.

For example

- Head or shoulder portraits often work beautifully in smaller formats
- Full-body portraits benefit from larger canvases
- Action scenes or landscapes usually require more space to breathe

Discussing your vision with the artist helps determine which size will best capture the feeling you want.

5. Consider the Frame and Surroundings

The frame and nearby objects also affect how large a painting appears.

If the painting will hang:

- Above furniture
- Among other artwork
- Near windows or shelves

Make sure the size allows the piece to stand comfortably within the space without feeling crowded.

6. When in Doubt, Go Slightly Larger

A painting that is slightly larger than expected often feels more confident and intentional.

Because commissioned paintings are deeply personal, allowing the artwork enough space helps it become a natural focal point in the room.

A painting becomes part of the rhythm of a home. Over time it stops feeling like an object and becomes something quietly familiar – a presence on the wall that reminds you of the horse and the moments you shared.

Choosing the right size simply helps that story sit comfortably within the space where it will be seen every day.



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