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This Is the Best Size for a Porch

Though any porch will do, really.



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CT.org...Southern Living has figured out porch sizing for small homes. The article below describes a minimum 6-foot depth with the width a function of the home façade design. CT.org aspires to a bigger porch that, as Southern Living describes, is in essence a room in and of itself. Therefore, our standard is that the porch be a minimum of 6-feet in depth [the impact of 8-feet feels more than two feet bigger] with a square footage equal to the smallest bedroom in the home, but no smaller than 80 square feet [e.g., 6'x13.3', 7'x11.5' or 8'x10'].

From Southern Living...

“As someone currently living without a porch, I'm hesitant to condemn a porch of any size—I'd take a Juliet balcony at this point if I could. A porch is a porch, and as any Southerner will attest, it's not something to be taken for granted. But, for those of you lucky enough to be adding a porch, or maybe just altering your current one, there are certainly a few parameters to be considered.

“Most resources will say the minimum for a porch is six feet in depth. This is for good reason, as that allows enough room for you to incorporate chairs, potted plants, and/or other furniture with enough room to move around and walk in front of the furniture.

“At six feet, porch furniture is possible and you can reasonably enjoy the space. But eight feet is even better, as just two feet can vastly expand your options for furnishing. Furthermore, the MVP of porch sitting is the porch swing.

“At theporchswingcompany.com, their most popular bench is four feet long. An eight-foot porch depth gives you a solid two feet on either side for walking by or framing it up with some showy containers. (Though have no fear, small porch sitters! They note they make anywhere from 2- to 7-foot swings.)

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“As far as width, that all depends on the location of the porch, your roofline, and the shape and size of your house. Of course, in our dreams, [porches wrap alllll the way around](#) and never stop. (With water views on every side, of course!)

“Just take it from this [800-square-foot cottage](#) Brandon Ingram built outside of Tallahassee, Florida. It has a sweet little porch front-and-center (complete with a [haint blue ceiling](#)) and a screened-in porch tucked away on the backside too.”

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