Before You Move: Measuring Checklist

Measure the new place and every big piece of furniture before moving day. Tick each box, write the number, bring this sheet.

The way in

- [ ] Front door: width with the door open _____
  Measure from the door face to the opposite jamb, not the full frame
- [ ] Front door: height _____
- [ ] Hallways: narrowest width and any tight corner _____
- [ ] Stairs: width, ceiling height above the turn _____
- [ ] Elevator: door width and height, inside width and depth _____
  Long items often travel standing up; measure the inside diagonal too
- [ ] Each room door: open width _____

Each room

- [ ] Wall-to-wall length and width _____
- [ ] Ceiling height (and any slope or beam) _____
- [ ] Windows: sill height and width _____
  A low sill limits what fits under the window
- [ ] Outlets, switches, vents, radiators: positions on each wall _____
- [ ] Closet: width, depth, rod height _____

Furniture you are bringing

Item	W	D	H	Diagonal	Fits?

Rule of thumb: a piece fits through a doorway if its depth or height is smaller than the open door width. Leave about 5 cm (2 in) of slack, and plan walkways of 75-90 cm (30-36 in).

Moving day

- [ ] Tape measure, painter's tape to mark furniture spots on the floor
- [ ] Floor plan of the new place (try the free room planner on tinyroomlab.com)
- [ ] Which pieces need to be taken apart (legs, headboard, doors)