

I suggest at the very least, you read through these questions before you begin reading. You may want to jot down some thoughts or ideas or take the time to do measurements so you have some concrete information as you move through this book. (You may also wish to purchase the companion workbook, that will give you space to draw out your ideas and paste things like color swatches and pictures from catalogs and magazines.)

Questions to Ponder -

If you are currently in an apartment or temporary place, consider both current space and desired future space.

What size dining space do you have? (physical measurements)

How many people eat there daily?

Is the space functional?

How do you intend to use the space? Family meals, entertaining, office space/school, creative projects, sit and chat or eat and run

Does the dining room need to be in service as a classroom or office? Do you have a space to move the books and papers when it is time to eat? Do you have places to plug in the electronics for school?

If you have regular meals with lots of people, do you have space to add a folding table to the end of the dining table?

Do you have an eat in kitchen or breakfast bar in addition to a dining room?

Thinking of the space, will you need a buffet to serve meals with many dishes or is your table wide enough to accommodate serving dishes?

Would your family benefit from a coffee/tea serving/making set up?

If you have an adjustable dining table where do you store the extra leaves and chairs?

Is there a clear path for people to move around the room when people are sitting at the table?
(this can determine the width of the table you should purchase) You should have 3' between the edge of the table and the wall or furniture.

Where will you keep the table cloths and placemats?

Where do you store your extra dishes, serving pieces or not often used cooking tools?

Where will you store the decorations you use on the table?

Style of table - wood, metal, veneer, glass

Chairs - side and/or arm chairs, wood, cloth, woven

Do you want a display cabinet or glass front hutch to show your pieces?

What is the lighting like in the room?