

## Patio Umbrella Sizes

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If you have already shopping for a patio umbrella, you might find there are various sizes or your choice. Before your shopping, you need know clearly the space in which the umbrella will be use and the purpose it will service. We recommend that your umbrella should have a 5-ft. larger diameter than the area it's intended to cover.

Umbrella Size (diam.)	Table Size (diam.)	# of Seats	Ideally paired with:
6 ft.	Up to 30 in.	2 to 4	Bistro sets
7 ft.	Up to 36 in.	2 to 4	Bistro sets, Dining for 4
8 ft.		4	Dining for 4, Set of chaise lounges
9 ft.	Up to 48 in.	4 to 6	Dining for up to 6, Small chat sets
10 ft.		6	Dining for 6, Conversation sets
11 ft.	60 - 72 in.	6 to 8	Dining for up to 8, Conversation sets
13 ft.		8	Dining for 8, Conversation sets
16 ft.		8 to 10	Poolside, Shading multiple bistro tables

## Patio Umbrella Stands

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The size of your umbrella and how you plan to use it are important factors in choose the right weight of umbrella stand. The chart is here to help you decide what's appropriate for you.

Stand Weight	Thru-table use	Freestanding use
35 lb. or less	6- to 7.5 ft. umbrella	Not recommended
40 to 55 lbs.	7.5- to 9-ft. umbrella, low-wind location	Not recommended
65 to 75 lbs.	60+-in. tables with 9- to 11-ft. umbrella	Up to 9-ft. umbrella, low-wind location
75 lbs. and up	Not necessary for thru-table use	Up to 11-ft. umbrella

## Patio Umbrella Styles

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- **Market:** This is the most popular style of patio umbrella. It features a clean edge with seven or eight points from the support structure.
- **Beach:** This style has a more vintage look with sections of loose flaps taround the edge.
- **Cantilever:** These umbrellas have an arched construction so the stand can be off to the size and the umbrella is directly above an area or furniture piece.
- **Drape:** This style features a squared-off edge with one flap hanging off the edge of each side.
- **Illuminated:** These umbrellas come with built-in lighting underneath the umbrella

along the lines of the structure.

- **Wall Mount:** This style can be mounted to a nearby wall or pole so it takes up less ground space.

## The System

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Many umbrellas feature shades that can be tilted for more sun-blocking capabilities. Tilting umbrellas are only available with a crank lift system. There are three types of tilt.

- **Push-Button:** A button located on the upper half of the pole lets you tilt the shade in 2 directions.
- **Crank or auto:** Using the same crank employed to open the shade, continue turning to pivot the shade.
- **Collar:** A ring or collar located just above the crank mechanism is twisted clockwise to tilt the shade.

## Rib Materials

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**Fiberglass:** The fiberglass ribs make the umbrella wind resistant. It is a must for gusty climates and allows the umbrella to bend and flex in the wind when other materials would likely snap. Fiberglass offers amazing flexibility, is resistant to salt air and heavy moisture, and last 4 to 5 times longer than traditional steel or wood.

## Pole Materials

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- **Aluminum:** The most durable and versatile of the pole material options, aluminum is rust-resistant and extremely strong. Most aluminum umbrellas feature easy-to-operate crank lifts, but there are push-up and pulley-system models as well. Many aluminum umbrellas have a tilt feature and aluminum is usually offered in a wide range of finishes.
- **Steel:** Steel umbrellas offer many of the strength and feature benefits of aluminum but it's less expensive. This is due in part to the fact that steel doesn't have aluminum's resistance to rust. It may not look as new as long. Steel umbrellas tend to be heavier

## Accessories

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- **Umbrella Covers:** Make sure to measure your umbrella before purchasing a cover. This is a great accessory for storing your umbrella and protecting it from the elements in inclement weather.
- **Lighting:** Lighting is an important feature for both safety and creating a nice ambiance at nighttime. Consider an attachable, battery-operated light for your umbrella, or select one with track lighting already installed.

## Canopy Fabrics

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- **Polyester:** Polyester fabric provides a solution-dyed and impressive performance. It is highly stain-resistant for long lasting outdoor use. It has a wide selection of fashionable colors and patterns.
- **Olefin:** Olefin's advantages are its strength, colourfastness and comfort, its resistance to staining, mildew, abrasion, sunlight and its good bulk and cover.
- **Sunbrella:** One of the most popular outdoor fabrics, Sunbrella is durable, weather-resistant, and will not fade in the sun. It's also available in a wide variety of colors, patterns, and price points.
- **Acrylic:** Acrylic fabrics also offer both durability and lots of