

Art Deco Entrance Hall Checklist

Work through this before you buy anything. Measure the space, pick one direction, then choose your key pieces around it – mirror, console, colour, and light.

01 MEASURE FIRST

- ☐ Hallway length and width at the narrowest point
- ☐ Remaining walkway with furniture in place (aim for 90cm / 36in clear)
- ☐ Door swing arc checked against console or bench position
- ☐ Ceiling height noted (decides pendant vs. wall sconces)
- ☐ Wall space above the console, surface to ceiling
- ☐ Socket and switch positions for lamps
- ☐ Radiator, meter cupboard, and stair position marked

02 PICK ONE DIRECTION

- ☐ Classic Deco – black, cream, brass, strong geometry
- ☐ Jewel-toned glamour – emerald or navy, velvet, polished metal
- ☐ Modern Deco – restrained palette, Deco through shape alone
- ☐ Budget refresh – mirror, paint, lighting, runner only

03 COLOUR

- ☐ Base colour chosen: cream, warm white, black, navy, emerald, or charcoal
- ☐ Decided between full walls and a single focal wall
- ☐ One lighter element included so a dark scheme doesn't close in
- ☐ Paint tested in both daylight and evening light
- ☐ Woodwork and front door colour decided alongside the walls

04 MIRROR

- ☐ Shape chosen: sunburst, arched, fan, or geometric
- ☐ Width roughly two-thirds of the console width
- ☐ Centre of the mirror at eye level, 140–150cm / 55–59in from the floor
- ☐ 15–20cm / 6–8in clear between console top and mirror base
- ☐ Positioned to reflect a light source or window, not a blank wall
- ☐ Fixings suitable for the wall type and the mirror's weight

05 CONSOLE OR BENCH

- ☐ Depth checked against the walkway (25–35cm / 10–14in for narrow halls)
- ☐ One Deco detail present: fluting, curved or waterfall edge, brass hardware
- ☐ Height comfortable for keys and post, around 75–80cm / 30–32in
- ☐ Storage need decided: drawers, lower shelf, or open
- ☐ Bench added only if the walkway still measures clear afterwards

06 LIGHTING

- ☐ Pendant clears head height, about 200cm / 6ft 7in minimum
- ☐ Wall sconces considered instead where the ceiling is low
- ☐ Deco form chosen: opal or frosted glass, stepped, globe, fan, or tiered
- ☐ Finish matches your one chosen metal
- ☐ Warm bulb temperature, around 2700K
- ☐ Second light source for layering: table lamp or picture light
- ☐ Any new wiring left to a qualified electrician and local requirements

07 FLOOR AND PATTERN

- ☐ One strong pattern only – floor or wallpaper, not both
- ☐ Geometric option chosen: checkerboard, diamond, fan, or angular
- ☐ Flooring rated for high traffic and slip resistance
- ☐ Runner considered as the lower-cost alternative
- ☐ Doormat sized, and recessed where possible

08 METAL AND TEXTURE

- ☐ One metal finish repeated across two or three details
- ☐ Door handles, hooks, and light fittings coordinated
- ☐ One luxurious texture included: velvet, lacquer, or marble
- ☐ Wood tone chosen to sit with the metal (walnut with brass, black with chrome)

09 FUNCTION

- ☐ Somewhere to drop keys and post
- ☐ Coat hooks or a rail
- ☐ Shoe storage
- ☐ Bag or parcel drop zone
- ☐ Nothing blocking the walkway or the door

MY HALLWAY NOTES

10 FINAL EDIT

- ☐ Three or fewer accessories on the console
- ☐ Empty space left around your strongest feature
- ☐ No more than one metal finish dominating
- ☐ Palette limited to three or four colours
- ☐ Hallway photographed – pattern clashes show up faster in a picture

THE EASY DECO FORMULA

1. Choose a simple base colour.
2. Add one geometric feature: floor, wallpaper, mirror, or rug.
3. Repeat one metallic finish, such as brass or bronze.
4. Choose a slim console or bench with a strong silhouette.
5. Add one statement light or mirror.
6. Finish with practical and decorative accessories.

FIVE THINGS TO AVOID

- Too many competing metallic finishes.
- Two bold patterns fighting each other.
- Furniture too deep for the walkway.
- One dim overhead light doing all the work.
- No storage, so the surfaces fill up.

MEASUREMENTS AND SHOPPING LIST

PIECE	SIZE NEEDED	COLOUR / FINISH	BUDGET	CHOSEN
Mirror				
Console or bench				
Ceiling light				
Wall light or lamp				
Rug or runner				
Paint				
Hooks and hardware				

Send your hallway measurements and preferred colours for a starting plan focused on scale, circulation, and Art Deco style.
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