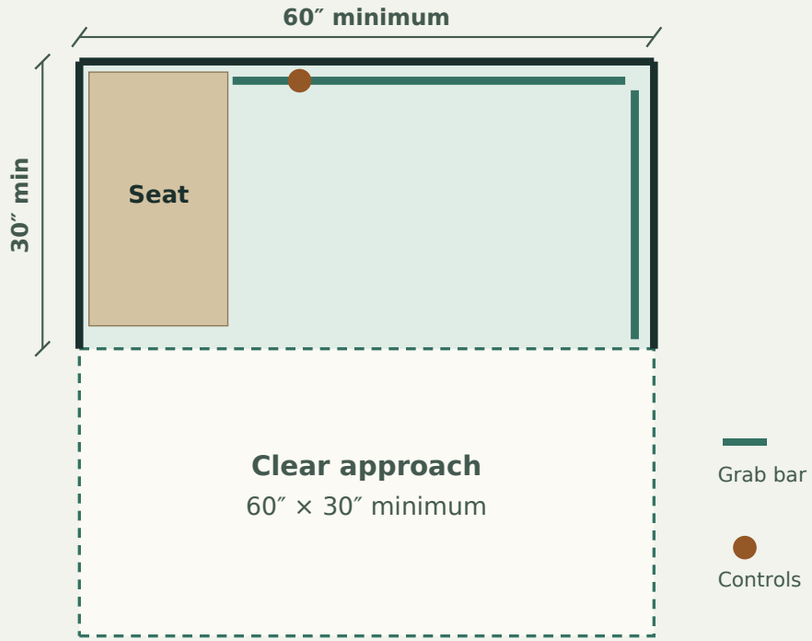
Standard roll-in shower

A flush entry and folding seat give a shower-chair user a choice of rolling in or transferring.

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Finished space

Allow at least 60″ along the opening and 30″ into the shower, measured at the centers of opposing sides. Keep a 60″ × 30″ clear approach immediately outside. Allow extra room for an assisting person if needed.

Folding seat and hand shower

Set the seat top 17–19″ above the bathroom floor. Place controls and spray on the back wall within 27″ of the seat wall, above the bar and no higher than 48″ above the shower floor.

Grab bars and threshold

Place bars on the back and opposite walls, clear of the seat. Set grip tops 33–36″ above the finished floor. Detail a flush entry. A raised threshold may be up to ½″ with changes in level detailed per §303.

Discuss with your designer

Will you roll in using a shower chair, transfer onto a seat, or use caregiver assistance? Check the actual chair and turning space. For a muted finish, consider matte limestone-look tile rated for wet shower floors with brushed fixtures that contrast against the walls.

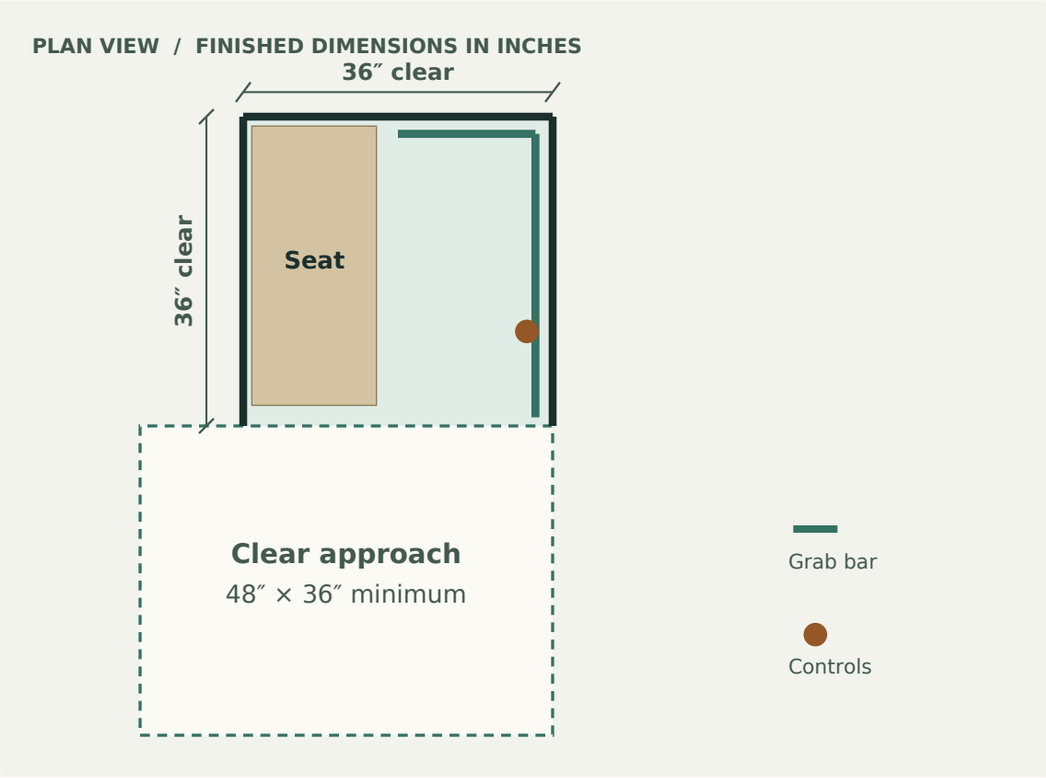
Coordinate drainage, waterproofing and local plumbing requirements. The Access Board guide recommends a shower-floor slope no steeper than 1:48. A recessed drain and flush transition can help preserve the rolling surface.

Planning references ADA §§608–610 U.S. Access Board bathing-room guide ADA Title III residential scope

For a private family dwelling, these details are design references. Verify the applicable local code, room layout, route and installed dimensions for each project.

Transfer shower

A seated option for someone who can transfer sideways and reach controls on the opposite wall.



Finished space

Use a 36″ × 36″ clear compartment measured at the centers of opposing sides. The open entry is at least 36″. Align the 48″ clearance length with the control wall so it extends at least 12″ past the seat wall.

Seat and hand shower

Set the seat top 17–19″ above the bathroom floor. On the opposite wall, set controls and spray 38–48″ above the shower floor, within 15″ of the seat centerline toward the opening.

Grab bars and threshold

Run a bar across the control wall and 18″ onto the back wall. Set the top of the gripping surface 33–36″ above the finished floor. A flush entry is preferred. The new-construction threshold limit is ½″.

Discuss with your designer

Which side makes transferring easier? This version puts the seat on the left. Choose the handedness before framing and coordinate a chair position, door swing and clear path. A contrasting seat and grab bars can stand out against soft ivory tile.

For either option, specify a hand spray with a hose at least 59″ long and a delivery temperature of 120°F maximum. Coordinate rated anchors and backing for bars and the seat under §§609.8 and 610.4.