How to Measure for Ceiling Medallions

A ceiling medallion adds a decorative touch to the often-neglected ceiling of your room by encircling the area around the meeting point of the ceiling and lighting fixture. These large disk-shaped plaques should have a proportionate size to your room and the lighting fixture beneath. Elegant or simple, choose your ceiling medallion size best suited for your space. Use some basic guidelines to steer you toward choosing the best ceiling medallion for your room.

1. Measure the length and width of your room in feet.

2. Multiply the length and width together and divide the answer by "7" to determine a proportionate ceiling medallion diameter size in inches.

   For a 10-by-14 foot room, for example, your calculation would be:
   10 feet x 14 feet = 140 square feet
   140 / 7 = 20 inches diameter

3. Measure the height of your ceiling in feet. Use the diameter for the ceiling medallion calculated based on room width and length if your ceiling stands between 9 and 10 feet tall. Opt for a slightly smaller medallion for shorter ceilings.

4. Measure the diameter of the lighting fixture below the ceiling medallion in inches. Look for a ceiling medallion close to this size in inches if it closely matches the estimated size from the room calculations.

Tools you may need:
- Measuring Tape
- Pencil
- Paper
- Ladder