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There is far more to creating a snooker or pool room than just purchasing a snooker or pool table. You need to consider both the size and structural design of the room, how you are planning to light the table, the kind of surface the table will be placed on and how to avoid it being exposed to extremes of heat and light.

So read on to discover **The Top Tips for Creating a Snooker / Pool Room** according to the expert craftsmen and installers at Riley, the premier snooker & pool brand.

Room Size

Riley can manufacture hand-crafted snooker & pool tables from 7 foot (214cm) all the way up to 12 foot (366cm), full-size versions, so, as you can appreciate, you need quite a large space to accommodate them.

After all, you don't want to splash out on a stunning snooker or pool table from Riley only to find you cannot cue properly due to the room not being the correct size.

For a smaller 8 foot snooker table we recommend a room at least 18 feet by 14 feet (549cm x 427cm) or 22 feet by 16 feet (671cm x 489cm) for the full size 12 foot version.

For a 7 foot pool table we recommend a room at least 17 feet by 14 feet (518cm x 427cm)

With a room of this size your new snooker/pool table will fit perfectly and allow plenty of space for playing. As a rule of thumb, if you allow 5 feet (152cm) all around the table, you will have sufficient space.

Table Size (standard Cushions)	Weight per Leg	Total Area of table	Load per Square Metre (Based on Table Area)	Total Area of Room (based on minimum room size)	Load per Square Metre (based on Room Size)
12' Snooker Table	138kg	6.7sq.m	165kg	32.7sq.m	33.7kg
10' Snooker Table	120kg	5.6sq.m	129kg	27.9sq.m	25.8kg
9' Snooker Table	100kg	4.5sq.m	133kg	25.6sq.m	23.4kg
8' Snooker Table	85kg	3.8sq.m	134kg	23.4sq.m	21.8kg
9' Pool Table	Approx 125kg	Varies	Varies per model	Varies per model	Varies per model
8' Pool Table	Approx 100kg	Varies	Varies per model	Varies per model	Varies per model
7' Pool Table	Approx 75kg	Varies	Varies per model	Varies per model	Varies per model

Floor Supports

A full size snooker table weighs 1100 kg and even the 8 foot versions tip the scales at a little over 500kg, so you need to be sure your floor is adequately supported to take this weight.

While Riley seldom experience any problems of this nature, we recommend advice should be sought from a builder or architect as to how much loading your floor can support.

This is particularly true when the table will be installed on an upper floor where there might be wooden supports as opposed to ground or basement levels where there is solid flooring.

The biggest issue is created by raised or false wooden floors, which can create a trampoline effect if the floor is not supported adequately.

Table Size	Approximate Weight—Standard Cushions
12' Snooker Table	1100KG
10' Snooker Table	720KG
9' Snooker Table	600KG
8' Snooker Table	510KG
9' Pool Table	Approximately 500 KG
8' Pool Table	Approximately 400 KG
7' Pool Table	250-350kg dependent on model

Floor Surface

One thing often overlooked is the kind of floor surface you have in your proposed snooker room.

Wooden and laminate flooring might seem like a really good idea, but the main issue is the weight of the snooker or pool table can cause the floor to settle unevenly over time. The playing surface, which would have been so precisely levelled by our installation team, would more than likely be detrimentally affected.

Therefore, it may be necessary to re-level the table if the flooring does alter to maintain the playing surface.

Concrete or marble floors are the best surfaces as they are strong enough to take the weight and do not degrade over time.

Lighting

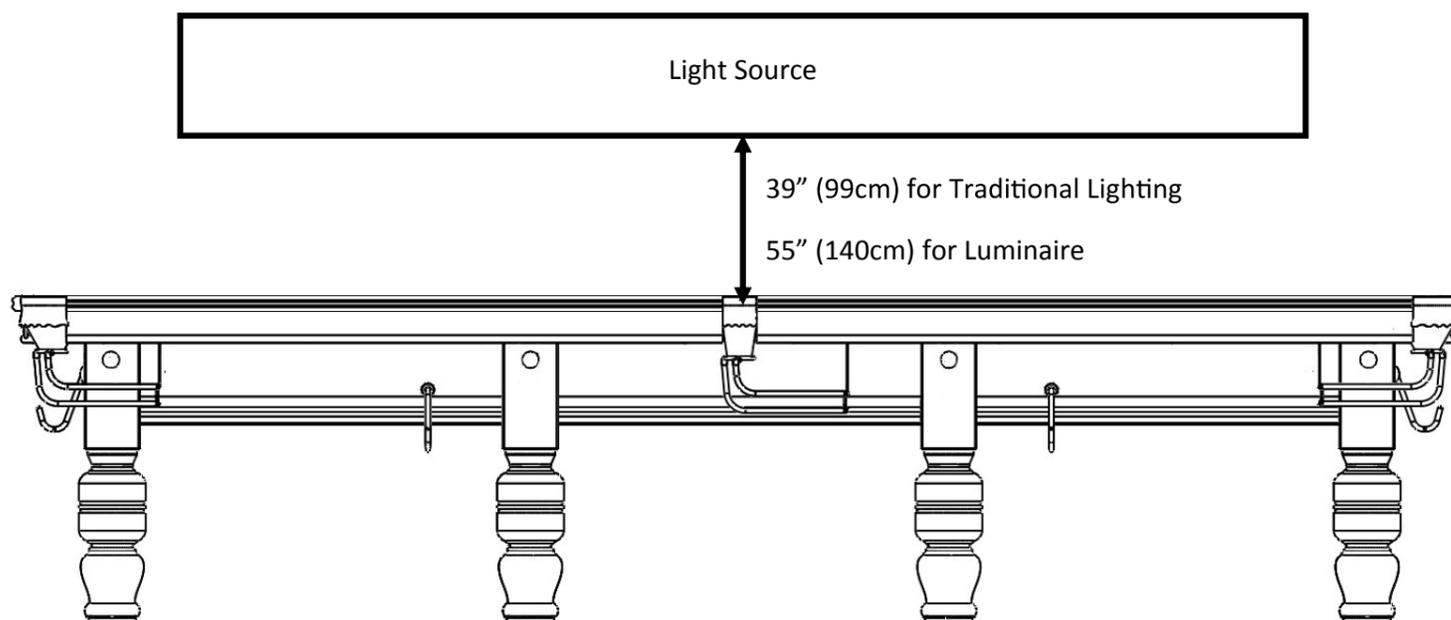
There are three main choices for lighting a snooker / pool room, light bars, canopies or luminaires.

Light bars and canopies are the more traditional choice and consist of either a brass or chrome bar with lamp shades, or a fringed wooden canopy containing standard light bulbs.

A full size & 10 foot snooker table will require six shades, while three shades will suffice for smaller configured tables (9, 8 & 7 foot). As a guide, the lights will need to be positioned 39 inches (99cm) above the table surface, but you may wish to confirm this with your lighting supplier.

Luminaires have become the lighting of choice for ranking tournaments as they offer bright, precise light and do not need to hang as low over the table.

For a full size table, two luminaires will be required, but one will be adequate for smaller sizes. These are usually hung 55 inches (140cm) above the table, but again manufacturers may vary so you should confirm with the supplier.



Condition Control

A key area which people tend to ignore when purchasing a snooker or pool table is maintaining atmospheric conditions.

All Riley snooker & pool tables are made from the finest materials, but if they are exposed to extremes of temperature the wood of the table can be affected, as can the slate.

Maintaining a constant temperature within the snooker / pool room is recommended at all times.

Ideally the temperature should be kept at a steady 18 to 22 degrees Celsius (64 to 72 Fahrenheit) to maintain the best response from the rubber and cloth.

Riley have over a century of experience building snooker & pool tables of distinction and today we still believe in our core value of quality, heritage and tradition.

Every table is lovingly created by expert craftsmen using the best quality materials from solid oak and mahogany to genuine Italian slate.

Shipping to more than 80 countries world-wide, every table is accompanied by a Riley installation expert to ensure everything goes to plan and to ensure you get years of playing pleasure from your table.

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