

Streets and Blocks

Architecture

The block is the unit a city is made of, and its size decides how the place works.

Block dimensions in some well studied cities.

City	Block	Effect
Barcelona Eixample	113 m square	Even, chamfered corners
Manhattan	61 by 244 m	Strong avenues, long walk
Portland, Oregon	61 m square	Very walkable, many corners
Savannah	Ward with square	Public space every block

Small blocks give more route choice, more corners and more frontage.
Large blocks are cheaper to build and duller to walk.