

Choosing Furniture That Will Last



Furniture can be a significant investment, so it's easy to get excited by an apparent bargain. Knowing the style, size, and color you want is a good start, but take a little research time to learn how to look for quality. Quality will determine how long it will last, look good, and be comfortable...as well as save you from disappointment in a piece that quickly falls apart. Check the cushions, look under the sofa, open the drawers, and by all means sit on it! Here are some features that add to longevity:

Hardwood Frames:

Hardwoods (maple, walnut, oak) can stand up to a lot of weight. Kiln-drying removes moisture which prevents the wood from cracking easily.

Spring Support:

Coil springs which are tied to the frame in eight different places provide the most uniform support. S-shaped

sinuous springs are also a good choice for stability.

Seat Cushions:

High-density foam is comfortable, keeps its shape, and provides long-lasting support. Foam wrapped in down, Dacron batting, or cotton creates a softer seating surface. For luxurious softness that you sink into, choose down blend. For firmer support, look for encased coils.

Joints:

Furniture that has been glued, screwed, or doweled together provides a much sturdier support structure than pieces which have been stapled or nailed.

Solid Wood:

Particle board doesn't hold up under heavy weight, is susceptible to humidity, and will chip and peel. Look for solid wood instead.

Reinforced Corner Blocks:

Table and chair legs should have screwed in (not glued) corner blocks to keep them from becoming wobbly. This is also important in weight-bearing furniture like entertainment centers.

To make the most of styles that stand the test of time, you might not want to jump on board with the latest fad. A particular trend may be hot

today, but will you still love it a few years down the line? Buy it because you like it, but think about how frequently you'd like to update your décor. Some classic design elements will always be in style, and they cover a wide territory from which to choose.

Take your lifestyle factors into consideration. Children, pets, and snacking in front of the TV can obviously take their toll, so stain-resistant or harder

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