

How to select your Sofas and armchairs?

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We all need a comfortable place to sit and relax – whether watching television, reading a book or chatting with family and friends. Now, with the variety of shapes, sizes, fabrics and fillings, the possible solutions are almost endless, your living space is an important focus, and how you furnish it will set the tone for your whole home. That is why when choosing shape or a style, keep in mind how different element work together and where the sofa or the armchair is likely be situated.

Choice of sofas and armchairs

Fabrics: while choosing for your sofa or armchair check the fabric options available for this model, as you should ask for on matters such as color-fastness, dry cleaning, compliance with current fire regulations and resistance to stains.

The range of fabrics is huge; popular choices include textured and pile fabrics such as bouclé, chenille and velvet; plain woven fabrics including linen and linen union; heavier fabrics like wool mixes and tapestry; and leather which is still the most popular material for covering with ages.

Fillings: can be pure feather, which quite quickly becomes squashed and needs plumping every day; or fibre; or a mixture of the two for a combination of support and softness.

Maneuverability: when buying a sofa or large armchair do not forget that it has to fit into your house. Take a plan of your home with all relevant measurements with you to make sure you choose something that really fits in and pass through all your home doors.

Sofas

Once the budget decided, consider which size, quality is your priority. Think ahead to the sort of home you hope you will have in the future; how does the sofa you want now fit into this future picture?

Sofas come in large or small scales. A big sofa is likely to be the largest piece of furniture in the room and makes an important statement. It can be the starting point for the entire scheme of your living space, or you may need to choose a sofa to fit in with your existing decor. A large sofa can be used effectively to organize space in a long room, placed widthways to demarcate sitting and eating areas, perhaps, or to separate a messy children’s area from a grown-up space.

A small sofa is useful in a small room. It can be placed across the foot of a bed or in a children’s room, or slotted in a kitchen or even a spacious bathroom.

Armchairs

After the sofa, the armchair is a priority in any living room. A comfortable armchair embraces you when you sit in, it should support your legs to the knee as well as your head and neck. This sort of armchair is a large piece of furniture. Apart form looks, it is important to try out a range of different styles to see which you find more comfortable, over extended period.