

Decorating Tips!

Sink Into A New Look

(NAPSA)—You don't have to be a couch potato to appreciate a couch or sofa. A new sofa can help redecorate and freshen up an old room.



Sofa by Clayton Marcus

Designers say it's possible to find quality sofas in many price ranges and a variety of styles.

Here are some sofa shopping tips from experts:

- Look for colors that express your personal style. If you can't find a cover you like, special ordering is an option.
- Don't be shy—try it out for comfort. Sit on it, lie down on it.
- Bounce up and down on the cushions. Do you want spring or a firm seat? Make sure it feels right.
- Wiggle the arms. Do they hold firm?
- Lift the frame. Does it feel heavy and sturdy?
- Examine the fabric. Are the seams straight? Does the fabric line up properly?
- Measure the sofa. It should not overwhelm the room nor be dwarfed by other pieces.
- For fire safety, look for the gold UFAC tag. This indicates compliance with UFAC manufacturing methods designed to reduce the likelihood of upholstered furniture fires from smoldering cigarettes.
- Have fun shopping for furniture that reflects your style and suits your needs.

These tips come from the Upholstered Furniture Action Council, organized to conduct research into more cigarette-resistant upholstered furniture.