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# Your living room companion

A sofa can be a risky investment - it may cost a fortune and keep note that it is going to stay around for a long time. So, you have to buy a sofa that is comfortable, stays trendy and does not require a replacement until a bulldozer runs it over.

room and to make the experienced sofa buyers smile a little when they check off the tricks they already know.

### GO WINDOW SHOPPING

Do not buy the first sofa that looks promising. Go around a few stores and make a short list of sofas that fit your

Finding a second-hand sofa that is in good condition (or will be when re-upholstered) and speaks your style is very rare but that is the whole charm of this adventure.

### MEASURE THE SOFA

Furniture looks small compared to the showroom when in reality it might be too big for your house. Avoid this situation by measuring the sofa. A popular way to see if it will fit well in your room is using tape to trace the floor with the measurement of the sofa. Leave the tape marks for a few days and see if you want a sofa of that size.

### CHOOSE A STRONG FRAME

Longevity of a sofa (or any furniture for that matter) depends largely on the frame. It has to be made of a strong material. If you are looking at wooden frames, ask the salesperson whether it's made of properly seasoned hardwood. Teak, Mahogany, and Chapalish have good reputation as lasting wood. You can also choose cane frames which stay strong for a long time but needs good cleaning and



How will you do that? Well, we are not promising anything but we might have just what you need. Here are a few tips and tricks of buying a sofa to help the beginners decorate their living

requirements. There are clusters of furniture shops in Gulshan, Mirpur, and Panthapath that you can have a look at. Also if you feel a bit adventurous, look at the thrift store sofas as well.