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6 furniture mistakes to avoid

Furniture can make or break your home. Which pieces of furniture to buy and the way you set it up can make a room feel spacious and welcoming. There are many designs and colours to choose from and buying furniture can be an expensive and stressful affair. What makes this process more frustrating is when you buy the wrong piece of furniture at a high cost. Instead of having a cosy room, you end up with a cluttered mess that makes you feel claustrophobic. While there are some basic guidelines to follow when you do invest in furniture, here are some common mistakes which we might all make:

The wrong size
Getting the measurements and dimensions correct is crucial, especially when purchasing bigger pieces. Taking care of the initial logistics of getting the furniture into your home is also a part of this.

If in doubt, double-check the room and furniture's measurements. The room should not be crammed, and there should not be furniture in every open space. Additionally, you do not want a single item to occupy the entire space, leaving no room for any additional decorative pieces. A possible solution to this might be furniture that you can take apart, and later reassemble.

Discounting your way of life
Design magazines, Pinterest, and catalogues are excellent sources of inspiration. However, it is best to not let someone else's design choices entirely influence yours. Think about your intended usage for this piece. Will it carry out your desired task? Will it be functional?

Something that is fantastic in theory may turn out to be devastating in practice. A glass coffee table may appear sleek and contemporary, but if you intend to expand your family, the sharp edges will be dangerous. If you need to spread out a lot

of paperwork, a tiny table could become an inconvenience.

Bold aesthetics
Novelty items, daring patterns, and outlandish looks may appear stunning at first, but might not always cater to your needs. Furniture is equally about functionality and practicality as it is about aesthetics. If you invest in an expensive modern design, you might soon realise that neither the furniture suit your needs nor does it look well with the room. When in doubt, it could be wiser to spend your money on something more classic.

Disregarding maintenance
Do not forget, you will be responsible for cleaning up the furniture to make sure your home looks spotless. If you have children, you will have to consider that they will sometimes spill food on it and stain the furniture. Are you up to the task?

Matching sets
The urge to decorate a room at one go can result in the purchase of a complete matching set, occasionally with matching accessories. This might seem tempting if you are aiming for a minimalist and monochromatic scheme. However, if not executed well can give off the appearance of being soulless or uninteresting. The room might feel unwelcoming and mundane. Instead of matching all the pieces and accessories, try coordinating and buying furniture which complement each other and add vibrancy to the room. Additionally, you can divide the sets of furniture among other rooms without truly giving up your money.

Aesthetics over comfort
Keep in mind that a piece of furniture will stay in your home for years to come. Comfort must come first since a sofa, chair, or table is not like a worn-out t-shirt that

you can just throw out. Additionally, some furniture might look great with the room and add to the room exactly the vibe you are looking for. Even then, it might not be practical or even that comfortable to use. For instance, if you have a lower coffee table and sofas that are higher, it might add a modernistic touch but it would be impractical for you if you like to entertain guests and they try to easily place their drinks on the table.

These are mistakes we all fall prey to. Be it because we are under pressure to get the room set up or purely because we mind something enchanting, buying the wrong furniture can affect the way you live for a long time. Hence, take some time and take into account these factors, and then go on to invest time and money into the pieces, which will make your home feel homey.

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