

New Home Furnishing Guide



Dear New Home Owner,

Congratulations!

You've purchased your new home, and now comes the exciting part of moving in and making it yours. Whether you need to refurnish your whole place, or just need a piece or two to complete your décor, this package is designed to help you identify your needs and to simplify the shopping process.

Included in this package are:

- Key things to keep in mind when planning out your new space
- A shopping checklist 'cheat sheet'
- An introduction of Creative Home Furnishings and our product

We hope this kit comes in handy for you. Our team at the store is also more than happy to assist you in choosing colours, styles or dimensions for your new space.

To shop from home or to assist in preplanning your shopping needs, check out our website at www.creativehome.ca

Yours,
Blair and Maria

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Purchasing Furniture for your new Home

Factors to note

When planning your Space

Physical Restrictions

E.g. window above, doorways or alcoves which may dictate size of furniture pieces, traffic flow will also play a factor in what you can fit in your space.

Scale

Relation to the rest of the room and the other existing pieces is important in creating a well put together space. If you aren't sure what will fit, take measurements, make a template from newspaper, and place on the floor. This will often help you to decide on the maximum size pieces that your room will absorb without overcrowding or impeding traffic.

Colour Scheme

Floor, Walls, Art and Accessories either current or future will all play a role in bringing together your décor.

Will you be changing mantles/trim/transitions?

It is always helpful to have swatches or flooring samples when choosing your furniture.

Lighting

Is the lighting natural or dependant on lighting fixtures?

Ceiling height and accessibility

E.g. does your condo have an 11 ft ceiling height but furniture needs to be brought in via a 7 ft high elevator?



Defining your Style

- Do you prefer Traditional, Transitional, Modern, or Eclectic?
- What is the current space like?
- Are you looking to emphasize or to change what is already there?
- Creating a 'sample' or 'story' board of looks and colour schemes and textures or materials that you like, is often a great way to define what it is that you want to create.

Identifying your Lifestyle

Function

Does it need to be multi functional, e.g. server/bar, ottoman/coffee table, sofa/hide-a-bed?

Will you be downsizing in the future or do you have a growing family?

Durability

Do you have children, pets, or will this be used mainly just by you?

Green/Eco friendly

- Is it important to you to keep your carbon footprint small, and therefore prefer locally made products?
- Are you wary of toxins, and thus prefer furniture made with low VOC stains and lacquers and organic fabrics?
- When possible do you prefer to purchase product made from renewable resources such as wood and the even faster growing bamboo?



Deciding on your Budget

Longevity

Will this be an item which you are planning to get long term use from?

Is this a piece that will fill a temporary need, e.g. children's furniture, and therefore will need to be lower cost?

Quality

Is workmanship and quality important to you in regards to this item?

Custom

Are you looking for something unique to fit a very specific space, or is there something that you've always envisioned, but have never been able to find? We can help you to design a piece to fit your space perfectly. Use the Checklist 'Cheat sheets' included to help identify your needs.



Checklist for Purchasing Furniture

The Basics

- Dimensions: _____
- Restrictions:
(e.g. window above, doorway beside) _____
- Colour: _____
- Style:
(e.g. traditional, contemporary) _____

Functionality

- Does it need to be multi functional? Yes / No
(e.g. server/bar, ottoman/coffee table)
- Durability? _____
(e.g. pets, children)
- What sizing is ideal? _____
(e.g. dining table for two, occasionally for 8)
- Will you be downsizing in the future? Yes / No

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About Us

Our Store

It's a pleasure to make your home a tasteful expression of your personal style at Creative Home Furnishings. The store has been providing the local community (Coquitlam, Tri Cities, Vancouver, North Shore) and beyond, with the finest in solid wood furniture since 1989. Within our 12,000 square foot showroom you will find contemporary solid wood furniture made by Canadian craftsmen, the majority of our product is made within a 100 km radius of our store. We also specialize in Custom Design, and have our own exclusive, in-house designed lines of furniture - *Boxwood*, *Tangent* and *Cypress*.

Our Service

We provide a very high level of customer service. Our staff have a passion for design and are able to provide in-house consultations to assist you in creating your perfect home. Whether you need guidance with choosing colour palettes, appropriate sized pieces for your space and lifestyle, or a sounding board for your style decisions, we are here for you. Our service even extends to designing custom pieces which can meet your unique needs, such as stereo cabinets to fit your components, or a buffet to fit an alcove.

Our Product

Tasteful accessories, great lighting fixtures, select print and original artwork complete our décor selection. Our focus is in providing versatile furnishings, which suit the spaces and needs of both condo and house owners alike.

Our lines appeal to a wide range of clientele, and it's not unusual to have customers who have purchased pieces in the past return, because they are downsizing and need smaller scale furniture without sacrificing quality and style. Nor to have their grown children come to furnish their own apartments or family homes. This is all because variety and quality are important parts of this store's approach to individualized interiors.

Our focus on locally made furniture helps to maintain a smaller environmental footprint, and enhances our eco-focus. Made from materials such as western maple,



FSC certified woods, sustainable resources such as bamboo, and utilizing low VOC finishes, our furniture lines promote environmental responsibility. Our collection contains furniture for your entire home, from dining tables and chairs to sofas, occasional tables and bedroom suites.

Us

The owners Maria Lopez and Blair Ballard, have a passion for great design. Their combined education in engineering and architecture were able to come into play when they not only renovated an existing house to create a bed and breakfast, but also designed and built a new house on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast. While building the new home, they were able to incorporate the wood that was cleared from the lot, into some of the design features of the home. This experience served as inspiration to take on a larger enterprise where creativity is key.

Maria and Blair purchased Creative Home Furnishings in 2007. They saw the store as an opportunity to meld their passion for great design with their love of locally built product. In a world where so much of what we buy is mass produced, it becomes a challenge to find something that is made with care. The Boxwood and Tangent collections are the initial results of this quest: the clean designs, strong lines and solid construction evoke the vernacular of the westcoast, and the cultures which have influenced it.

They know what it takes to create a home, and their previous careers in hospitality have given them a strong customer service focus.

At Creative Home Furnishings, Maria and Blair and their team can assist you in both creating and designing spaces which will show off your home and, suit your lifestyle.

Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful

- *William Morris*

