

# Home Planning Guide

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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. While choosing from our furniture styles, if you bring in photos of your space and room dimensions, our store team is happy to provide assistance in choosing suitable sizes, and finishes.

To shop from home or to assist in preplanning your shopping needs, check out our website at [www.creativehome.ca](http://www.creativehome.ca)

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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

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- 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

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### 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.

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# Checklist for Purchasing Furniture

## The Basics

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

## Functionality

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(e.g. server/bar, ottoman/coffee table) Yes / No
- Durability?  
(e.g. pets, children) \_\_\_\_\_
- What sizing is ideal?  
(e.g. dining table for two, occasionally for 8) \_\_\_\_\_
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