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WHAT IS “MODERN” FURNITURE?

When someone uses “modern” to describe an object, the adjective could take on several connotations. It could be boldly colored, inventive, unique, sleek or even a little bit funky. The term is a chameleon because with every generation, the next new thing immediately becomes “modern.”

So what does it really mean when it comes to picking out furniture? Like with the art and literary movements, exact traits are hard to pinpoint, but there are some common styles that stand out to make spotting it easier.

Modern hardwood furniture dates back as early as the late Nineteenth Century designs inspired by the influence of the burgeoning abstract art movements. Recent trends in modern furniture often have dark espresso or nearly black finishes and upholstery is usually set apart by simple geometric patterns with bright contrasting colors or solid colors. The range in how heavy a frame looks varies depending upon the preference of the designer, but most of the time styles land on opposite ends of the spectrum.

What makes a piece “modern” is its departure from the traditional style and fresh approach to making

an everyday object a work of art. For those who want to update

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the look of their interiors, but also want to blend their traditional-style décor, they should look for more transitional pieces. A transitional piece of furniture incorporates elements of the traditional old and new without making such a bold statement as modern furniture. The finishes may not be so dark or the lines so sharp.

Consumers should be careful when looking into purchasing modern and transitional pieces. Because they are both popular and versatile styles, many companies will market trendy furniture that won't last in hopes that their customers won't mind spending more money replacing them if it they get to buy a more stylish piece. Customers should avoid investing in chintzy, disposable furniture if possible because investing in class always pays in the end. Owning furniture that transitions with your lifestyle doesn't have to cost a fortune. When creating the look to your living space, consider choosing modern furniture from one of these retailers in the area – it's stylish and quality is guaranteed.



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