Antique finish - a special finish to give the appearance of age to furniture. This is mostly done by applying multiple layers of stain and paint to the furniture and making some parts lighter or darker than the others.

Armchair - a chair that has arm supports on each side.

Armoire - a tall storage unit that may have drawers and/or a clothing rod inside. Used to store clothing and/or a tv. Usually bigger than a chest. Good for clients that need a lot of storage space and also want space for a tv. The tv goes inside the armoire. Some armoires such as the Ashley North Shore Armoire have a removable back where you can fit an even larger tv. If a collection does not have an armoire, a media chest can be used to put a tv on top of it.
Arts and crafts design - simple and basic design, construction often able to be seen.

Bi-cast leather - Split leather with a layer of polyurethane.

Bombé - Style of chests or tables that are bulging out and then curve back in at bottom.

Bonded leather - leather combined with materials such as polyurethane to make it more durable and longer lasting.
Buffet - A dresser-like piece of furniture that has drawers and/or doors and is commonly used in the dining room for storing dishes and platters.

Bunk bed - two beds stacked on top of each other to allow more than one person to share a bedroom space. A tri-bunk bed is a bunk bed plus another bed.

Burl veneer - veneers with a decorative irregular mottled pattern. Made from the natural knots found on trees.
**Butterfly leaf** – a table leaf that stores itself inside the table.

**California king size mattress** – this mattress typically measures 72" wide and 84" long. Mostly used only in West Coast region of the United States and for taller people.

**Camel back chair** - a chair that arches in the middle.
Canopy bed - A bed with tall posts on each corner and a panel connecting the posts. Decorative material is usually hung on the canopy.

Captain's bed – a bed with storage drawers underneath to maximize storage space.

Card table - Table used to play poker or other card games. Some have multi functionality and could also be used as a regular table.
**Furniture Dictionary**

**Chaise lounge** - A chair with a long bottom cushion to put legs up and relax. Kind of a combination between a chair and a sofa.

![Chaise lounge](image1)

**Chaise recliner** - A chair that allows you to lean back and put up your feet.

![Chaise recliner](image2)

**Chaise sectional** – a sectional with a built in chaise.

![Chaise sectional](image3)
Furniture Dictionary

Channel back chair – a Chair that is upholstered with groves in the back.

Chest - a piece of furniture with drawers intended for storage. Usually has 4-6 drawers and is more tall than wide. Also known as a tall chest.

China cabinet – a cabinet with shelves that are closed in by doors, normally glass, and sometimes drawers underneath. Typically used in a dining room.
Furniture Dictionary

**Club chair** – a chair with a low back. Usually made from leather.

![Club chair images](image1.jpg)

**Cocktail table** – a short leg table that is normally placed in front of the sofa in the living room.

![Cocktail table images](image2.jpg)

**Coils** – metal spirals inside a mattress that make it bouncy and comfortable.

![Coil images](image3.jpg)

**Console or console table** – a thin table used to hold a TV, and/or storage. Often put against a wall or sofa and usually found in a living room or hallway.

![Console or console table images](image4.jpg)
**Corner blocks** - Triangular pieces of wood used to reinforce drawers so they last longer and could hold heavier items.

**Curio cabinet or curio** - A glass display case normally with a mirrored back and a lighted top. Pulaski is a furniture brand that is known for their great curios.

**Dacron** - Gives non-compressing wrap to foam shapes or any uneven areas. Resistant to crushing, can be used to fill in a cushion once the filling is put in. Will retain shape better than other fillers.

**Daybed** - a twin size or full size bed that can also be used as a sofa. Has footboard, headboard, and rails or panel along the back.
Furniture Dictionary

**Denim** - A durable material made using cotton.

**Distressing and distressed finish** – a distressed finish provides a look of aged character to any painted or stained surface. In order to achieve this appearance of natural wear, a craftsman will often use a hand finishing process. This may involve sanding through paint, scoring the wood finish, and treating metal surfaces to create a patina similar to the type that comes with a century in the weather. These processes leave the surface of the product with an antique look and feel where each piece is unique.

**Drawer glide** - a type of track that helps a furniture drawer move in and out of the piece.
**Furniture Dictionary**

**Dresser** - a wide but short piece of furniture with drawers used to store clothing and other items. It is the wide version of a chest.

**Drop leaf** – a leaf that is hinged onto a table.

Eastern king size mattress - 76"w x 80"l

**Eight-way hand-tied springs** - Coil springs which are hand-tied to keep springs in place. This is done mostly for higher end upholstery.
**English dovetail** - Type of drawer construction which usually signifies a better construction. This results in stronger and more spacious drawers.

**Entertainment armoire** - A unit used to house a tv and other media products.

**Entertainment wall** – a large unit used for TV and other media components that also has compartments for storage.
Furniture Dictionary

**Fiddleback chair** - A chair with a fiddle-shaped back

**Finish** - A coating applied to the wood that helps protect it. Sometimes a finish may also have coloring.

**Footboard** – a Panel that is attached to foot end of the bed frame or rails.

**French dovetail** – a type of drawer construction which usually signifies a better construction.
Furniture Dictionary

**Full grain leather** - Leather that has not been altered. The best kind of leather.

![Full grain leather image](image)

**Full size mattress** – Usually measures 54"w x 75"l. Good for smaller spaces and for young and older adults.

![Full size mattress image](image)

**Futon** - A special type of sofa that can be converted into bed. Good for small spaces.

![Futon image](image)

**Graining** – a Painting technique used to simulate wood grain.

![Graining image](image)
Furniture Dictionary

Grandfather clock - tall free-standing pendulum clock.

Hand rubbed finish – a painting technique that is used to create an antique look.

Hardwood - wood from a deciduous tree.
Furniture Dictionary

Headboard - Panel that is attached to the head-end part of the bed frame or rails.

Highboy - A tall chest supported by four legs.

Hitchcock chair - A chair that has a rush or caned seat and an oval turned top rail. It also has a slightly bent back and is often are painted with fruit and flower patterns.
**Furniture Dictionary**

**Hutch** - A cabinet that is put on top of a desk or a buffet. A buffet and hutch together form a china cabinet. Often has shelves for storage.

![Hutch Image]

**Inlay** - Wood veneer that is constructed to produce a pattern. Usually consists of different types of veneer.

![Inlay Image]

**Knock down or KD furniture** - Furniture that needs some minor assembly. This is different from RTA (Ready to Assemble) furniture which requires a lengthy assembly process.

![Knock down or KD furniture Image]
Ladder-back chair - A chair designed to have a back that looks like a ladder.

Laminated wood - Layers of Wood that are fastened together with glue. Usually for lower priced furniture.

Leather match - Vinyl is dyed to match the leather, and used on sides and backs of upholstered furniture. Genuine leather is used on the cushions.

Left-facing - We determine what is left facing by standing directly in front of the foot of the chaise, if the arm is on the left side, it is left facing.
Furniture Dictionary

Leg table - A table held up by four legs, one on each corner.

![Leg Table](image)

Loose back sofa - A sofa whose back and cushions are not attached.

![Loose Back Sofa](image)

Love seat – A seating unit made for up to two people to sit on.

![Love Seat](image)

Low profile foundation - A thin box spring that is 4” high and is used instead of regular box spring when a mattress is thick. This prevents a bed from being too tall. This is good for modern beds or if you want a more modern look.

![Low Profile Foundation](image)
Furniture Dictionary

**Lowboy** - A short table with one or two drawers.

![Lowboy Image]

**Memory foam** – a type of material that conforms and adjusts to a body shape and is very comfortable.

![Memory Foam Image]

**Microfiber** - Stain resistant fabric made from extremely thin but durable fibers.

![Microfiber Image]
Furniture Dictionary

**Modular furniture** - Furniture that is designed to allow the user to be able to make different combinations to suit his/her needs.

**Motion furniture** - Furniture designed with the ability to be used in different positions, and be able to move.

**Nail-head trim** - Decorative nail head or nail head strip usually used in sofas and upholstered headboards, sofas and chairs.
Furniture Dictionary

**Night stand or night table** - Small table placed at the side of the bed, it may have drawers. Usually bought in sets of 2, 1 for each side of the bed.

![Night Stand or Night Table](image1)

**Occasional furniture** - Smaller furniture used as accent pieces.

![Occasional Furniture](image2)

**Ottoman** - Footrest which is usually part of living room or sofa collection.

![Ottoman](image3)

**Panel bed** - a bed that uses a panel of wood(or other materials) for the headboard and foot board.

![Panel Bed](image4)
Furniture Dictionary

**Parsons chair** - An upholstered chair with a high back and upholstered seat.

**Parsons table** - A rectangular table with straight legs at the corners.

**Pedestal table** - Table held up with a support structure directly in the middle. A double pedestal table has 2 pedestals.

**Pillow top** – extra padding attached to seat or arm, or to the top of a mattress.
Furniture Dictionary

**Platform beds** - Bed that had a flat bottom and is designed to be lower than a standard bed. May not need a boxspring but most platform beds today do.

![Platform bed](image)

**Polystyrene** - A man-made synthetic used to simulate Wood. Often used to reproduce expensive wood trim. Can also be used to make frame parts or entire frames.

**Polyurethane** - Man-made synthetic foam used for filling and for cushions. Rigid polyurethane can also reproduce Wood trim or make entire frame.

**Queen Size Mattress** – Usually measures 60"w x 80"l

![Queen size mattress](image)

**Rail** - The horizontal piece of the bed structure that attaches the headboard to the footboard.

**Recliner** - Chair, Sofa, or Sectional that can recline. The footrest will pop up and the back of the item can recline back.

![Recliner](image)

**Right-facing** - We determine what is right facing by standing directly in front of the foot of the chaise, if the arm is on the right side, it is right facing.

![Right-facing chaise](image)
Furniture Dictionary

**Rocker** – A chair which tips back and forth in place

![Rocker Image]

**RTA** - Ready to Assemble. Furniture that is delivered unassembled and requires extensive assembly.

![RTA Image]

**Seat Height** - Chair heights vary depending on the type. Regular dining chair height is between 18-20 inches high. Counter height chair seat height is between 24-26 inches. Pub or bar stool seat height is between 29-30 inches.

**Secretary desk** - A unit with drawers and a writing surface that can drop down.

![Secretary Desk Image]
Sectional - A set of furniture that combines to make one big unit, sometimes attached with brackets.

Semi-attached back sofa - Cushions are attached at the back but not all around.

Sideboard - Wide piece of furniture with drawers used in dining rooms for extra storage and serving food.
Slat back chair - A chair with vertical and wide supports.

Sleigh bed - Bed designed to resemble a sleigh, headboard is taller than footboard and often featured scroll or S shaped curved design. A very popular style.

Slipcovers - Removable piece of fabric designed to protect the furniture.

Sofa – A piece of furniture with a seating area for 3 or more people.
Furniture Dictionary

**Sofa bed** - A sofa that can fold down, or pull out to be an additional bed.

**Sofa table** - A narrow table that is taller than a cocktail table that is long and is designed to sit against the back of a sofa.

**Split foundation** - Two box springs used for one large mattress. Always used for King and California King Mattresses but only sometimes used for Queen and Full mattresses, generally when the regular foundation cannot fit through the door or staircase.

**Split leather** - Leather that is left when the top grain leather is removed.
Furniture Dictionary

**Stain** - Used to alter the color of the wood.

**Table Height** - Dining table heights vary depending on the type. Regular dining table height is around 30 inches in height. The counter height dining table is around 36 inches. The pub or bar height table is around 40-42 inches.

**Theater seating** - Reclining chairs that can be attached at the arm, used to screen viewing.

**Theater sofa** - A curved sofa that is designed to have good visibility of the home theater for all who sit on it.
Furniture Dictionary

**Tri bunk bed** – a bunk bed plus another bed for a total of 3 beds. Good for small spaces.

**Top grain leather** - The uppermost layer and highest quality part of a hide, used for fine Upholstery Leather.

**Triple dresser** – a dresser with three or more drawers side by side to store clothing.
**Furniture Dictionary**

**Twin size mattress** – Usually measures 39"w x 75"l

**Varnish** - A protective finish that is transparent.

**Veneer** - A thin decorative layer of wood which is applied to underlying wood solids to match and balance grain, create inlay and beautiful wood effects and designs.

**White glove** – a type of premium delivery service where furniture is brought into the home.