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ONE OF A-KIND (CUSTOM) FURNITURE

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The term Custom Furniture refers to the creation of "one-of-a-kind" designs. The design of these pieces differs from the design of mass-produced furniture in several ways. Most significantly, because its focus is on providing specific solutions for the needs of the customer, its strong personal and emotional appeal and the cost for producing the pieces. In this article we will discuss the pros and cons of selecting "custom" and illustrate examples from our own design experience.

Up until the industrial revolution all furniture was "custom" made, and was designed and produced by craftsmen for specific functions, styles, and space requirements. Technological advances in the early 19th century made it possible to mass-produce furniture at a lower cost to both the manufacturer and the consumer. However, these pieces lack the uniqueness in appearance, function and emotional appeal of custom-made furniture. In addition, mass-produced furniture is not appropriate or does not fit all spaces it needs to serve.

Well-designed custom-made furniture addresses three primary necessities: The first relates to the user, the second to the intended environment for the furniture and the third to its material and construction. From a user perspective this piece is also practical and easy to use (performs well), aesthetic (beautiful as an object by it self) and conveys a unique emotional appeal. Additional attributes of good custom furniture design include:

- An ergonomic solution that meets the specific physical abilities of the customer
- A specific style or décor that respects the architecture of the existing space
- Superior quality of craftsmanship

A fair price for custom designed furniture takes into consideration the skills and expertise of both designer and craftsman, along with the time that is required for the job. If your residence or workplace requires a specific solution, look to a resource that can innovatively provide a custom piece. Please call or email us to learn more.
