

## Shopping Tips

### Table Pad Shopping Guide

To get your desired table pad with superior quality and affordable prices, you can look at the following tips:

- Make sure the cover/pad matches the size of your table.
- Make sure the color of the pad/cover matches the overall settings of the room.
- If you decide to buy a table cover instead of a table pad, at least get one that is completely water-proof.
- Contact the merchant/company that you buy your pad/cover from to ask if they can customize the color, fabric and design that is fit exactly to your room and taste. Therefore, you will be able to protect your table and dress up your room at the same table.

### Platform Bed Online Guide

Do you prefer a platform bed over other beds for your bedroom? I have seen numerous people asking what kind of benefits can platform bed bring to them. Most often, most shoppers think that there are no other benefits associated with platform beds other than the cool style and look. Personally, I have to disagree with that and I believe so will other people who know more about platform beds.

When people talk about platform beds, they are actually talking about platform bed frames and by choosing different types and styles of frames, you will have a wide variety of choices. To make it clear and easy for your read, we can summarize the benefits of platform beds as:

- Cool Style and Look
- Less beddings needed
- Can be adjusted so that it can be used with a boxspring or without a boxspring
- A low profile sleeping surface which is preferred by some groups of consumers
- Different types and finishes available such as canopy platform bed, platform storage bed and japanese platform bed to suit different personal preferences
- Many styles available such as contemporary, traditional and transitional style
- Many Manufacturers has started to product "Green" Platform beds, which are considered as "Eco Furniture"
- A lot online merchants are selling platform bed and thus fierce competition drive the price down which further benefits customers

### Mattress Shopping Guide

The following content is from "The Better Sleep Council", you can view the original content at:  
[http://www.bettersleep.org/OnBetterSleep/mattress\\_shopping.asp](http://www.bettersleep.org/OnBetterSleep/mattress_shopping.asp)

#### What to Look for When Buying a Mattress

COMFORT. Gone are the days when a mattress had to be hard-as-a-board to be good for you. A too-hard mattress may only succeed in putting your shoulders and hips to sleep. You'll sleep best when your bed helps you feel cradled in comfort, cozy and secure.

Today's top quality mattress/foundation ensembles are built for superior comfort. Luxurious new cushioning materials and extra-soft surface treatments create a plusher, more comfortable feel.

**SUPPORT.** Correct support is the essential ingredient for a healthy body. A good mattress and foundation will gently support your body at all points and keep your spine in the same shape as a person with good standing posture. Pay special attention to your shoulders, hips, and lower back-the heaviest parts. If there's too little support, you can develop back pain. But if the mattress is too hard for you, you can experience uncomfortable pressure.

A word about "firm." Don't rely on product labels to tell you which mattress will give you the right support. One manufacturer's "firm" may feel harder than another's "extra firm." The only way to find out if the support is right is to lie down and try.

**DURABILITY.** It's the quality of the materials used and how they're put together that determine how long a mattress and foundation will provide the comfort and support you bought them for. The best assurance of good performance over a good many years is to buy the highest quality sleep set you can afford.

A word about the warranty. Don't look to the warranty to tell you how long to keep your mattress and foundation. It's there to protect you against product defects, not against the gradual loss of comfort and support. A sleep set may still be usable after 15 or 20 years, but it's not giving you the good night's sleep you deserve.

**SPACE.** Cramped quarters can turn sleeping into a nightly wrestling match. A healthy sleeper moves anywhere from 40-60 times a night, including some dozen full body turns. You need freedom of motion while you sleep and to help you relax while getting to sleep.

If you sleep with a partner, be sure to select queen or king size. Both are not only wider, but several inches longer than the standard "double" (full size), which offers each sleeper only as much space as a baby in a crib.

How to shop for furniture?

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Shopping for furniture can be a difficult task or an exciting adventure. It's up to you. If you follow this advice, you're more likely to enjoy shopping and find the right pieces of furniture to fit your home and lifestyle.

#### - Decide What You Need

Measure the space where you'll put the new piece, keeping in mind that you'll need room between other pieces for walking and traffic patterns. You might want a sofa but realize that you really only have room for a loveseat or a pair of armless chairs. Write the numbers down so that you can confirm them when you find something that you like.

#### - Set Your Budget

There's nothing more discouraging than finding a piece you can't afford. Set your budget and don't look at things that would break the bank. While it's a good idea to buy the most expensive and best constructed piece of furniture that you can afford, you wouldn't want to spend every penny you have available on one piece of furniture and then not be able to paint the walls!

#### - Plan Ahead

Do some research on the internet.

Find the websites for furniture manufacturers and see what they have to offer. You'll most likely be able to see everything that each company makes, get exact dimensions of each piece, see the different finishes available, and see the pieces arranged in decorator rooms. If you see something you really like, you can order the company's catalogue to be sent to your home.

Learn All You Can Without Leaving Your Home

If you find a piece you like, look at the fabric options or wood finishes available. Try to picture the piece in your home. Locate a store in your area that carries the line of furniture you've found. Check their opening hours.