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**B**efore you start showing up randomly at furniture or home specialist stores looking for anything and everything, there are certain fundamentals you need to have covered. For example, what style are you hoping to reflect in your home? Do you have a preference for rich, dark wood finishes and carved details, or clean, simple lines with little to no decorations? Or maybe you have a penchant for natural colors with light finishes, florals and other patterns, or a mix of different elements from different cultures and eras. When you get a bearing of what you're looking for, it's easier for retail store associates to assist you in your selection of furniture, fabrics, and accessories.

### **FURNITURE CHOICE**

Determine what pieces you're getting – the basics of any living room, for example, are a sofa, coffee table, side table, and perhaps an armchair if space permits. You'll want to have a plan of how you're using the space available, which will determine the layout

of your furniture and their appropriate sizes. Regardless of your preferred styles, look into the construction of the furniture; pieces that are built to last will have details such as solid wood frames or sinuous steel springs. If you live in an apartment, you should take note of the dimensions of the walkway and your door frame to avoid causing damage to your furniture or house during the delivery process.

Kennis Sik, founder of The P'Club Group that provides high-end furnishing and interiors consultation for institutions and individuals, advises, "Get something comfortable and practical. From what we can see, the future trend is contemporary looks with accent details on the pieces, made from the finest materials and finishes for furniture that is elegant and timeless."

Furniture fashioned from new materials is also gaining in popularity for the versatility that they have been engineered for. Shares Janice Feldman, president and CEO of US-based furniture company JANUS et Cie that



Janus et Cie

has developed new materials including weather-resistant fibre and synthetic wood formed from recycled polystyrene, “We are the leader in material development and our furniture is used both inside and outside due to the climate in Singapore, which is truly the best place for indoor and outdoor living. We are seeing an increasing amount of our clients using outdoor materials, indoors.”

### MAGIC CARPETS

Besides providing warmth and comfort for a room, carpets also serve as a form of personalisation of your living space; they can be a neutral foundation, or a focal point if you choose one with bright colors or bold patterns. Carpets have more than just aesthetic value, they help to cushion footsteps and falls, absorb sounds from TVs, computers, and to some extent, block sound transmission between floors.

### BATHROOM FITTINGS

Like your furniture, it’s better when you stick to a theme for your bathroom fittings. This will help you come up with the criteria for your accessories – if you select a minimalistic style, for example, you’ll want to look for modern pieces with clean lines, are non-decorative but exude elegance. For something that sees everyday use, reliability



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