

Comfortable spaces to relax in

By Belinda Wan

After a hard day's work, most of us just want to crash onto our favourite sofa. No matter how big your home is, it is crucial to have a key piece of furniture that gives you optimum comfort. Here are two ways to achieve comfort at home.

STYLISH AND COMFY SOFAS

A home would not be complete without a stylish sofa to nail down the theme and look of the home.

Mr Kelvin Koh, director of Cosimo Gallery said the level of comfort a sofa provides should be a key consideration.

"I have always placed comfort above aesthetics. But of course the design of the sofa should not be bad either. That is why Cosimo Gallery tries to bring a balance between comfort and aesthetics."

How to choose a sofa

What should you consider first when picking out a sofa?

Mr Koh said: "The size of the sofa is an important factor. Next, look at the cutting of the sofa. Some designs have a bulkier and puffy look. So even if their dimensions match your home, it may result in a cramped look."

While a floor plan gives a good gauge of your available floor area, an on-site measurement is best. Cosimo Gallery provides free on-site consultation services for customers by experienced designers.

The colour of the sofa is another key consideration.

"If your home is not that spacious, avoid choosing a dark-coloured sofa as it makes your home look smaller. A light-coloured sofa will give a more spacious look," said Mr Koh.

In that case, would a white sofa be a good option?

Mr Koh said: "White goes with almost all sofa designs. But many customers are worried about the maintenance. An alternative is light grey, as it complements most decors, and does not get dirty easily."

Achieve a unique look by adding on other pieces. Mr Koh suggested using stools and ottomans as mix-and-match items to complement your sofa.

"Such items help to highlight the sofa, especially when they are of a contrasting colour," he said.

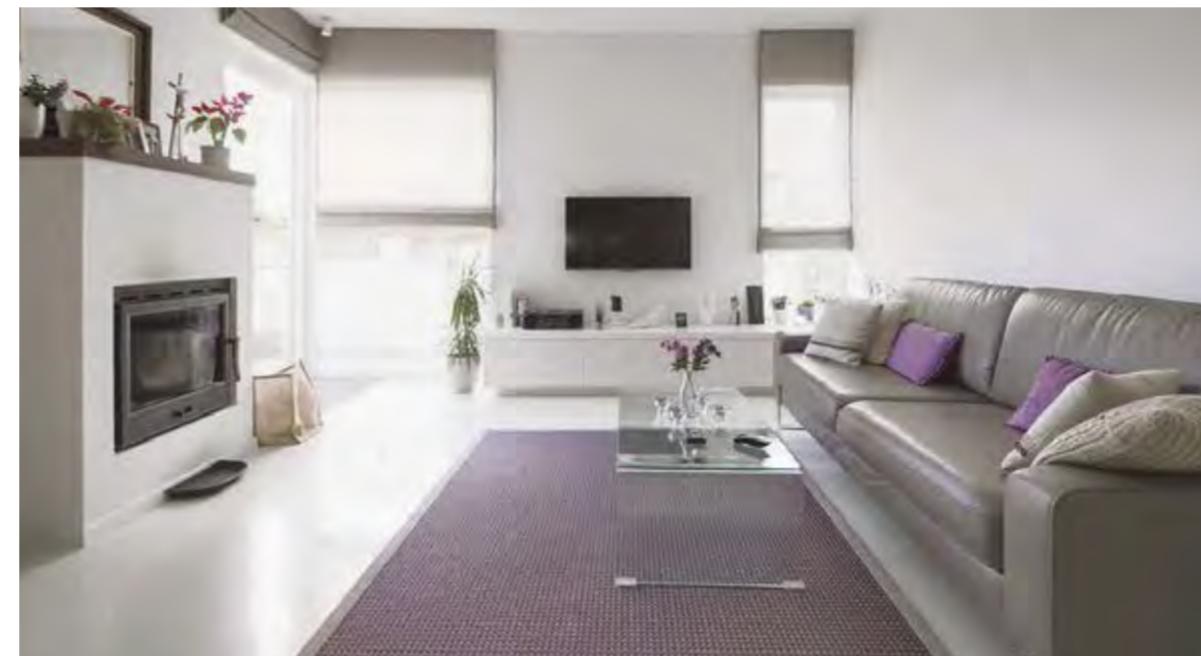
Care and placement

Where you place your sofa also plays a part in how long it can last.

"Avoid placing your sofa in direct sunlight. Without proper maintenance, the top coat of the leather will soon be damaged. The ideal spot to position your sofa is usually determined by where you want to put your television set," said Mr Koh.

He also advised against using car leather maintenance kits on sofas, as car leather seats are very different from sofa leather.

"Special leather care products are available in the market. But we encourage our customers to approach us for advice as we know our sofas well. Some products in the market are too strong, and may damage the sofa."



Consider the colour and design of a sofa, as well as where to put it, before making a purchase.

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BEDS THAT ADJUST TO YOUR NEEDS

It is crucial to select a mattress and bed frame that suits your needs.

If you lead an active lifestyle, why not consider an adjustable bed or bed frame?

The Tempur Sleep Sanctuary is where you will find a comprehensive range of sleep-related products.

The store's Tempur North collection is worth checking out. Inspired by the unspoiled beauty of the north, the collection features a completely adjustable bed system with a sleek design.

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