

Finding a sofa that suits you

How to get the perfect fit

By Belinda Wan



Comfort is the decisive factor when choosing a sofa.
Photo: Cosimo Gallery

These days, homeowners are spoilt for choice when it comes to sofas. From recliners, two-seaters and modular sofas, to fabric, PVC, latex and leather sofas, the options are endless.

How can you choose the right sofa for your home?

Comfort is key

Mr Kelvin Koh, director of Cosimo Gallery said comfort is crucial when choosing a sofa.

He said: "A sofa that suits you is one where you won't want to get up from the moment you sit on it. Be relaxed and comfortable, and do not restrict yourself too much when you are trying it, or you may feel differently when the sofa is delivered to you."

Cosimo Galley is fully owned by a leather sofa manufacturing plant specialising in mechanical sofas. It was one of the first manufacturers of recliners in Malaysia, but now also offers non-recliner sofas.

It has two showrooms in Perth and one in Singapore. The company sells furniture to end users directly, which provides consumers with greater flexibility and savings.

Customisation services

Mr Koh said choosing the right sofa begins with the correct dimensions.

"Homeowners who are unsure about their living room dimensions can ask for a free site measurement. As a manufacturer, we can customise and modify our sofas to suit your living room at almost no cost or at minimal charges," he said.

Cosimo Gallery can customise your ideal sofa

configuration, for instance, a three-seater, sectional sofa, or corner suite in the same model. It is also able to modify the size of your seat to maximise your display area.

Mr Koh said: "The most popular sofa trend now is either the 2½-seater sofa or 2+L sectional sofas with incliner mechanisms."

Fabric or leather sofas

Like the colourful prints of fabric sofas but love the softness of leather? Which is better?

Mr Koh said: "Fabric sofas are popular with interior designers as they give a warmer feel. But they are generally less comfortable compared to leather sofas, which offer better lumbar and neck support."

He pointed out that as fabric sofas generally come with detachable covers for easy washing, their designs are often more simple.

"Fabric sofas tend to trap dust and dust mites more easily than leather, and are harder to maintain," he said.

If you prefer leather sofas, Cosimo Gallery offers luxurious L-shaped corner suites, as well as sectional sofas sets, along with two or three-seaters.

"Cow leather is easier to maintain and more durable than buffalo hide. But it can be hard to tell them apart. Cow leather just requires occasional cleaning with a damp cloth and leather conditioner to protect its top coat.

"With buffalo hide, the leather may get harder over time if you do not apply conditioner every two weeks. Ask for professional advice when buying leather maintenance kits," said Mr Koh.

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