



HOW MUCH DOES IT (REALLY) COST TO FURNISH YOUR HOME?

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TABLE TALK

A straightforward guide to what it (really) costs to furnish your home

Most people dread the idea of budgeting. We get that. But before you go into a cold panic of what your dream home might cost you (gulp!), here's a starter's guide to what you can expect to spend on the key rooms in your home.

Maybe you just moved into a new home, maybe you're tired of your current furniture, or maybe you're just aching for a fresh new look. Whatever the reason, when you're finally ready to launch your project and start shopping for furniture, that inevitable question smacks you like a plunge pool after the sauna: **how much is this going to cost me?** Luckily, one of the biggest benefits of working with an experienced interior decorator (aside from the extraordinary interiors and delightful conversation!) is having an expert who has your back when it comes to costs.

One of our most-asked questions is, "what should I budget for furniture"? And the while the simple answer is that it's complicated, we've put together a series of estimates so that it's easy to know what to expect.

Almost everyone tends to go over their budget when furnishing their space—there's always something we fall in love with that we simply can't live without! So we've created a budget breakdown that accounts for this fact by providing a little wiggle room. We've listed two budgets for each room type, one that includes mid-range to high-end items and one that includes more affordable options. On average, our clients tend to spend somewhere in between, and the budget per line item is definitely variable.

Before we begin

Keep in mind that when creating these estimates we were mindful to provide cost ranges for attractive, well-made, long-lasting furniture. Rest assured, making an investment in beautiful, quality items will ultimately save you money in the end.

While the cost of home furnishings is a key part of your budget, this guide is for furniture only. Keep in mind that to give a room a truly finished look there will be additional expenses, which could include a good paint job, built-in cabinetry, furnishings, carpeting, lighting, accessories, and so much more.

The next step will be to price out the designer's fee, shipping, delivery, installation, labour and/or renovation costs. For those of you who hate this stuff: we are genuinely excited and happy to help with every step—even the boring ones. We can certainly help you determine a feasible, palatable, total budget for the scope of your project and your unique vision of your home.

On the following pages you'll find cost estimates focused on the rooms we design the most: the living room, dining room, and bedroom. And a bonus kid's bedroom, to boot! If you're left with any questions after reading this guide, or if you want to discuss any upcoming projects you've been considering, please **get in touch**. We'd love to help you create the space of your dreams.

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LIVING ROOM

The living room is often the largest room in the house and where all the action happens (*sorry to bust the myth, kitchen!*) It's literally where both you and many of your soon-to-be favourite furniture items will live. Your budget will depend on the size of your room: the larger the space, generally the larger the budget. If you're watching costs, we strongly suggest that you invest first in your sofa and rug first—getting these pieces right is crucial to establishing the look of your room, so we always recommend custom sofas sized perfectly to your space and selecting the perfect rug to give the entire room an elegant, perfectly put-together feel.

Planning on redoing your living room? Read on for our budget breakdown.

ITEM	BUDGET-FRIENDLY to MID-RANGE	MID-RANGE to HIGH-RANGE
Sofa	\$700-\$3800	\$3800-\$6500
Lounge Chair (<i>need 2</i>)	\$550-\$1100 (<i>price per</i>)	\$1100-\$1900 (<i>price per</i>)
Ottoman	\$350-\$850	\$850-\$1400
Coffee/cocktail table	\$350-\$850	\$850-\$2000
Small end/accent table (<i>need 2</i>)	\$150-\$500 (<i>price per</i>)	\$500-\$1250 (<i>price per</i>)
Area rug (8x10)	\$650-\$1150	\$1150-\$2250
Floor lamp	\$250-\$650	\$650-\$1200
Table lamps (<i>need 2</i>)	\$125-\$400 (<i>price per</i>)	\$400-\$650 (<i>price per</i>)
Artwork/wall decor (<i>3 items</i>)	\$650-\$2000	\$2000-\$4500+
Pillows and a throw (<i>5 items</i>)	\$250-\$550	\$550-\$1500
Misc. accessories	\$650-\$2500	\$2500-\$5500
Plants and pots	\$250-\$650	\$650-\$950
Window treatments	\$600-\$1500	\$1500-\$5000
Room total	\$6,350-\$18,500	\$18,500-\$38,400+

Please note these examples do not include tax, freight or delivery fees which will add to the budget. Design fees and subcontractor fees should be considered as well.

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DINING ROOM

For the dining room, your budget will centre around the table and chairs, which is probably not a surprise. In our designs, we also try to mix in a statement chandelier or rug that'll truly give your space a WOW factor. The size of your dining room—which will determine the size of the table and how many people it can seat—is a definite cost consideration. The breakdown below includes a standard six-person table.

ITEM	BUDGET-FRIENDLY to MID-RANGE	MID-RANGE to HIGH-RANGE
Table	\$1500-\$2500	\$2500-\$5000
Chairs (6)	\$1050-\$2400	\$2400-\$5400
Buffet/Hutch	\$950-\$1500	\$1500-\$4000
Chandelier	\$550-\$1100	\$1100-\$2800
Area Rug (8x10)	\$650-\$1150	\$1150-\$2250
Floor Lamp	\$250-\$650	\$650-\$1200
Table lamp	\$125-\$400	\$400-\$650
Artwork, mirror and wall decor	\$650-\$2000	\$2000-\$4500+
Misc. accessories	\$650-\$1800	\$1800-\$5500
Plants and pots	\$250-\$650	\$650-\$950
Window treatments	\$600-\$1500	\$1500-\$4000
Room total	\$7,225-\$15,650	\$15,650-\$36,250

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PRINCIPAL BEDROOM

For the principal bedroom, we have a simple piece of advice: invest in your bed. A classic, high-quality bed not only immediately elevates the look of a room, can also last you a lifetime. If you're looking to save on costs for your bedroom, opt for more affordable nightstands and bedside lighting, as those pieces can be changed and updated throughout the years.

Bonus tip: a piece often forgotten in the bedroom budget is a bench, or some other form of seating. We promise you it'll be a welcome addition to your space—so handy for getting ready and putting your socks on in the morning!

ITEM	BUDGET-FRIENDLY to MID-RANGE	MID-RANGE to HIGH-RANGE
King bed (<i>HB, FB, & Rails</i>)	\$1500-\$2000	\$2000-\$4500
Nightstands/Side table (<i>need 2</i>)	\$250-\$500 (<i>price per</i>)	\$500-\$1000 (<i>price per</i>)
Dresser/Chest of drawers	\$450-\$850	\$850-\$1700
Lounge chair	\$550-\$1100	\$1100-\$1900
Accent table	\$150-\$400	\$400-\$650
Ceiling light/Chandelier	\$350-\$950	\$950-\$2500
Lighting and Lamps (<i>need 2</i>)	\$125-\$400 (<i>price per</i>)	\$400-\$650 (<i>price per</i>)
Area Rug (<i>8x10</i>)	\$650-\$1150	\$1150-\$2250
King bedding	\$500-\$950	\$950-\$2200
Pillows and throws	\$250-\$550	\$550-\$1500
Artwork, mirror and wall decor	\$650-\$1500	\$1500-\$3000+
Misc. accessories	\$450-\$2500	\$2500-\$5500
Window treatments	\$600-\$1500	\$1500-\$5000
Room total	\$6,850-\$15,250	\$15,250-\$34,000

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KID'S BEDROOM

Is someone moving out of the nursery to make room for a new sibling- or in need of a room that will transition well from little kid to big kid (to moving on out so you can finally have that wrapping room/games room you've always wanted?) Your little one needs a place to sleep, store their clothes, books and toys, and maybe have a study area. Here are the basic costs to furnish their room—before you start adding all the Pinterest-worthy elements to help them fully realize the bedroom of their sweet dreams.

ITEM	BUDGET-FRIENDLY to MID-RANGE	MID-RANGE to HIGH-RANGE
Twin bed (<i>HB, FB, & Rails</i>)	\$350-\$500	\$500-\$1250
Nightstands/Side table, or small chest	\$175-\$400	\$400-\$850
Dresser/chest of drawers	\$550-\$850	\$850-\$1100
Desk	\$300-\$500	\$500-\$800
Desk chair	\$175-\$250	\$250-\$400
Area Rug (<i>8x10</i>)	\$450-\$850	\$850-\$1250
Ceiling light/Chandelier	\$250-\$550	\$550-\$1100
Lighting and Lamps (<i>need 2</i>)	\$100-\$350 (<i>price per</i>)	\$350-\$650 (<i>price per</i>)
Twin bedding	\$250-\$450	\$450-\$800
Pillows and throws	\$250-\$550	\$550-\$1500
Artwork, mirror and wall decor	\$350-\$500	\$500-\$1200
Misc. accessories	\$350-\$550	\$550-\$850
Window treatments	\$450-\$700	\$700-\$1500
Room total	\$4,100-\$7,350	\$7,350-\$13,900

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