

Amish Originals Furniture Co.

Furniture Buyer's Toolkit



Furniture for Life.

Just Ask.

Amish Originals Furniture Co., will work with you to make your vision work! When you come to Amish Originals Furniture Co., you are purchasing furniture that will indeed be made just for you. Participate in the design process and enrich your experience with each piece of furniture you purchase.

If you are looking at a piece of furniture and you love it **but...** there is a feature, such as color, finish, or size that isn't quite what you had in mind. **Just Ask!** What you see in the showroom is a "serving suggestion" and, most of the time... styles, sizes, shapes, textiles, hardware, and finishes are interchangeable.

What's Your Primary Style?

Arts and Crafts	Eclectic	Mission	Shaker
Asian Influence	Ethnic	Modern	Traditional
Contemporary	Formal	Regional	Transitional
Cottage	Rustic	Romantic	Urban/Loft
Country	Mid-Century	Shabby Chic	Vintage/Era's Past

Not sure about color preferences or favorite furniture and decorating styles? Look beyond your current decor. For color, look at your closets -- what colors are you wearing? Look at favorite hotel, vacation spot, and restaurant environments -- what makes the atmosphere seem so inviting to you? What is your favorite piece of furniture? Why? What decorating styles are you drawn to in media, magazines, and books?

Budget

- What is my furniture budget?
- Am I on the Amish Originals Furniture Co. e-newsletter list to get the scoop on specials and sales?
- Do I have some flexibility in my budget for custom features if I am "just this close" to finding exactly what I want?
- Did I factor in delivery charges?
- Did I factor in sales tax?
- Do accessories and accents fit into the budget?
- Do I need chair pads or a table runner or placemats?
- I need to budget time because a custom furniture order can take several weeks to deliver, so how does that fit into my plans?

Drawing Rooms

- **Sketch current room layout.**
- **Sketch planned room layout.**
- **Show outlets, HVAC registers, fixtures, windows, built-ins, entryways, etc.**

Tip: Quad paper (1 square = 1/4 inch) comes in handy for sketching out room plans. Check the last page of the Furniture Buyer's Toolkit for quad paper compliments of Amish Originals.

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- How involved do I want to be in customizing my new furniture?
- How does my new furniture fit into my life?
- How will my new furniture affect the atmosphere in the room?
- Where will I be using my new furniture? What do I want my new furniture to do?
- How will my friends, family, pets, and I be using my new furniture?
- How does my new furniture fit into the space?
- Will my new furniture choice fit the scale of the room?
- How will my new furniture complement the other furniture in the room and vice versa?
- Am I looking for a solid wood furniture piece?
- What kind of wood would I prefer?
- What kind of wood do I currently have at home?
- What wood finish do I want? What color wood do I want?
- Is the country of origin of my new furniture important to me?
- Do I want my new furniture to be locally-made?
- If I choose upholstery, do I want a solid or a print?
- Do I want the upholstery to make a bold statement or blend into the room?
- Do I want leather upholstery or fabric?
- How much detail do I want? (Think dusting and cleaning!)
- Did I “test-drive” my new furniture the way I would use it at home -- sit on it, lie down, lean, curl up, sit at a table, open doors and drawers?

Notes:

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Furniture Details

Kitchen • Dining	Bedroom	Living Space • Entertainment	Office
Furniture Description: _____ _____	Furniture Description: _____ _____	Furniture Description: _____ _____	Furniture Description: _____ _____
Location: _____	Location: _____	Location: _____	Location: _____
Height: _____	Height: _____	Height: _____	Height: _____
Width: _____	Width: _____	Width: _____	Width: _____
Length: _____	Length: _____	Length: _____	Length: _____
<i>When Open...</i>	<i>When Open...</i>	<i>When Open...</i>	<i>When Open...</i>
Drawer Depth: _____	Drawer Depth: _____	Drawer Depth: _____	Drawer Depth: _____
Door Width: _____	Door Width: _____	Door Width: _____	Door Width: _____
Wood: <input type="radio"/> Oak <input type="radio"/> Cherry <input type="radio"/> Maple <input type="radio"/> Quarter-Sawn White Oak	Wood: <input type="radio"/> Oak <input type="radio"/> Cherry <input type="radio"/> Maple <input type="radio"/> Quarter-Sawn White Oak	Wood: <input type="radio"/> Oak <input type="radio"/> Cherry <input type="radio"/> Maple <input type="radio"/> Quarter-Sawn White Oak	Wood: <input type="radio"/> Oak <input type="radio"/> Cherry <input type="radio"/> Maple <input type="radio"/> Quarter-Sawn White Oak
Table Base: <input type="radio"/> Leg <input type="radio"/> Pedestal	Table Base: <input type="radio"/> Leg <input type="radio"/> Pedestal	Table Base: <input type="radio"/> Leg <input type="radio"/> Pedestal	Table Base: <input type="radio"/> Leg <input type="radio"/> Pedestal
Table Top: <input type="radio"/> Round <input type="radio"/> Oval <input type="radio"/> Rectangle <input type="radio"/> Square	Table Top: <input type="radio"/> Round <input type="radio"/> Oval <input type="radio"/> Rectangle <input type="radio"/> Square	Table Top: <input type="radio"/> Round <input type="radio"/> Oval <input type="radio"/> Rectangle <input type="radio"/> Square	Table Top: <input type="radio"/> Round <input type="radio"/> Oval <input type="radio"/> Rectangle <input type="radio"/> Square
No. of Table Leaves: _____	Edge: _____	Edge: _____	Edge: _____
Size Closed: _____	Finish: _____	Finish: _____	Finish: _____
Size w/Leaves: _____	<input type="radio"/> Corner-Style	<input type="radio"/> Corner-Style	<input type="radio"/> Corner-Style
Edge: _____	Hardware: _____ _____	Hardware: _____ _____	Hardware: _____ _____
Finish: _____			
<input type="radio"/> Corner-Style			
Hardware: _____ _____	No. of Drawers: _____	No. of Drawers: _____	No. of Drawers: _____
	Upholstery: <input type="radio"/> Fabric <input type="radio"/> Color(s) <input type="radio"/> Leather <input type="radio"/> Solid <input type="radio"/> Print <input type="radio"/> Style: _____	Upholstery: <input type="radio"/> Fabric <input type="radio"/> Color(s) <input type="radio"/> Leather <input type="radio"/> Solid <input type="radio"/> Print <input type="radio"/> Style: _____	Upholstery: <input type="radio"/> Fabric <input type="radio"/> Color(s) <input type="radio"/> Leather <input type="radio"/> Solid <input type="radio"/> Print <input type="radio"/> Style: _____
No. of Drawers: _____	Mattress Size: _____	TV Dimensions: H _____ W _____ D _____	No. of Shelves: _____
Upholstery: <input type="radio"/> Fabric <input type="radio"/> Color(s) <input type="radio"/> Leather <input type="radio"/> Solid <input type="radio"/> Print <input type="radio"/> Style: _____	Headboard Height: _____	<input type="radio"/> Access Holes <input type="radio"/> Pullouts	No. of File Drawers: _____
No. of Chairs: _____	Footboard Height: _____	No. of Shelves: _____	No. of Bookcases: _____
<input type="radio"/> Chair <input type="radio"/> Stool	Mirror Height: _____	Seating: <input type="radio"/> Glide <input type="radio"/> Rocker <input type="radio"/> Stationary	<input type="radio"/> Keyboard Tray
<input type="radio"/> Wood <input type="radio"/> Upholstered	Mirror Width: _____		Desk Chair: <input type="radio"/> Wheeled <input type="radio"/> Stationary
<input type="radio"/> Side Chair <input type="radio"/> Arm Chair			

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Ergonomics

Kitchen • Dining

Bedroom

Living Space • Entertainment

Office

Chair back: _____

Chair back: _____

Chair back: _____

Chair back: _____

Chair seat: _____

Chair seat: _____

Chair seat: _____

Chair seat: _____

Knee Space: _____

Knee Space: _____

Knee Space: _____

Knee Space: _____

Depth of Seating: _____

Depth of Seating: _____

Depth of Seating: _____

Depth of Seating: _____

Mobility:
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Clearance/Interaction
with Other Furniture:

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with Other Furniture:

Floor Surface/Covering:

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Bed Height: _____

Under Bed Clearance:



Checklist for Buying Wood Furniture

- Doors and drawers fit well.
- Drawers have glides and stops.
- Drawers glide easily when pulled and do not bind.
- Drawer corners are joined securely.
- Insides of drawers are smooth and snag free.
- Long shelves have center supports.
- Doors swing open easily without squeaking or rubbing.
- Long doors are attached with sturdy hinges.
- Hardware is secure and strong.
- No rough edges on hardware.
- Interior lights operate easily.
- Entertainment units have hole for electrical cords.
- Heavily balanced feeling when table is rocked.
- Table leaves fit properly.
- Table leaves match grain and finish of table.
- Table aprons are solid wood.
- Chair stretchers are glued and screwed.
- Finish feels smooth to the touch (except distressed finish).
- Distressed finish has randomly spaced dark marks.
- Corner blocks under dining tables should be glued and screwed.
- Back panels should be wood, not fiberboard, and should be recessed.
- Lumber kiln-dried to 6% moisture.

Accessories and Accents

Off the Wall:

- Framed Art
- Metal Art
- Wood Art
- Clocks
- Textiles
- Plate Racks
- Concave Squares
- Hand-painted Art
- Mirrors

Shelved:

- Wine Racks
- Vases
- Candles
- Boxes
- Trivets
- Finials
- Sculpture
- Lighting

Material Things:

- Chair Pads
- Placemats
- Table Runners
- Throws

Elemental:

- Wood
- Metal
- Ceramic
- Stone
- Glass
- Shore
- Sea

Floor Presence:

- Chest
- Bench
- Nesting Tables
- Sofa Table
- Ottoman
- Occasional Tables

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Measure Twice...Buy Happy!

Access, Placement, and Delivery

Destination Entryway Width: _____

Destination Entryway Height: _____

Room Entryway Width: _____

Room Entryway Height: _____

Route for Delivery into the House/Room:

Obstacles/Fixtures: _____

Stairways: _____

Turns: _____

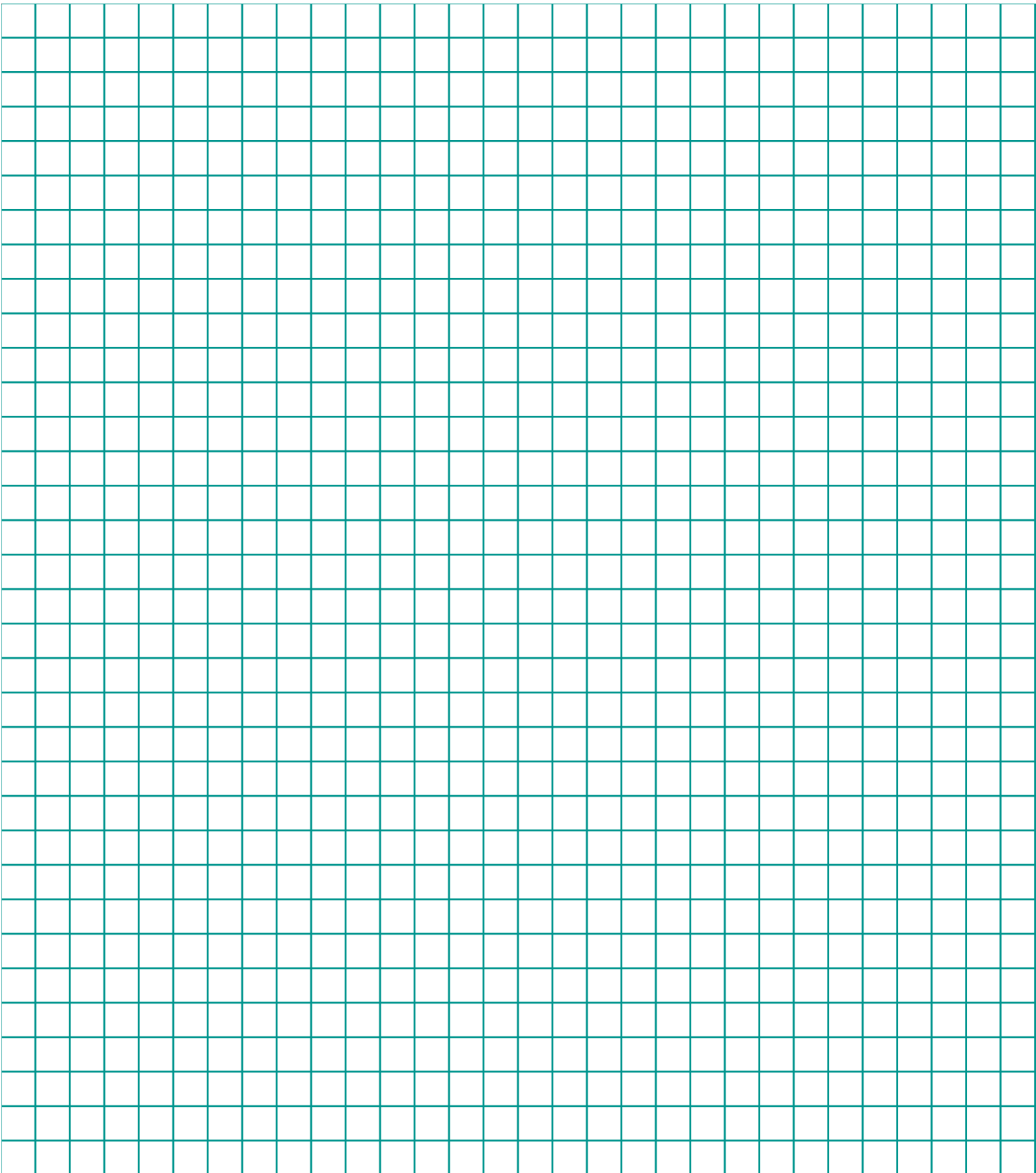
Room Dimensions

Room Width: _____

Room Length: _____

Ceiling Height: _____

Notes:



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Suggestions...

- Measure what's there as a guideline on size (it's already in the house).
- Go to the Arts 'n' Crafts Toolbox: Use newspaper, masking tape, and a tape measure to create a template using the length and width of the furniture piece, or, depending on the surface, create a masking tape outline on the floor.

Room Plan Worksheet

1 Square = 1/4 inch



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