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Sofa, so good

A good sofa is the key to a happy home. It's where you relax after a long and stressful week at work, where you sit and gossip with friends and where you doze in front of the television on a lazy Sunday afternoon. When you stop and think about it, the sofa is a big part of your everyday life, so picking the right one for you and your family is imperative.

One are the days when you had to pick between a selection of dreary and uninspiring three-piece suites to complete your living room decor, just because that was all that was available. Sofas now come in every colour imaginable, a variety of shapes, styles and sizes, and are a perfect outlet for your personal taste and can add a little panache as much as anything else in your home. Given the sheer amount of time you'll spend sitting on one throughout your life, it's vital to pick a good quality sofa that is comfortable and chic. After all, you'll be using it every single day for the foreseeable future, so whether you're lusting after a leather one, trying to find a fantastic fabric one, chasing a cute chaise longue, looking for a low-key understated one or searching for a statement piece, you're certain to find the sofa you've been hunting for here.

1. Globo Royal chair, AMAZONAS, EPOA
2. OKOME SOFA Nendo 2, Alias, EPOA
3. RUBENS sofa bed light moss, MADE.COM, EPOA
4. Gatsby taupe velvet curved four-seater sofa, Alexander & Pearl, £1980
5. Lune three-seater sofa, Chaplins Furniture, EPOA
6. Eichholz Messina sofa, Sweepea & Willow, EPOA
7. Grayson two-seater sofa in shoe cotton matt velvet, Sofa.com, £1140
8. Desire sofa, Cover House, EPOA
9. Howard sofa, Oficina Inglesa, EPOA
10. Divano new Versailles, VG New Trend, EPOA





- 1. Oriel sofa, EPOA
- 2. Ruben sofa, EPOA
- 3. Chesterfield sofa, EPOA
- 4. Peral sofa, EPOA



Rume

Rume is an independent family-owned furniture and interiors company established 12 years ago in East Sussex by Richard and Libby Baker. All Rume sofas and chairs are designed by Richard and manufactured in the family workshops where the Bakers have been producing fine furniture since the 1960s. Each piece is handmade to order using a wonderful mix of traditional skills and modern materials allowing for complete individuality.

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Something smaller

Sometimes all you need to fill an empty corner of a room is a statement armchair. These may be smaller than a sofa, but they're guaranteed to make a big impact on your interior.

- 1. Doris armchair, Essential Home, EPOA
- 2. Otto armchair, Luxou, EPOA
- 3. Branagh armchair, MADE.COM, EPOA
- 4. Chignon Chair, Maison Valentina, EPOA



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