

# New Home, New Furnishings

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You've bought a new home. Congratulations. Now it's time to think about how you're going to fill it. Here are a few tips to consider before you race off to your local furniture store.

## MOVE FIRST, BUY LATER

Live in your new space a while. There is generally a large gap between how we imagine ourselves to live in a particular space and how we actually live in a space.

If you allow yourself time to really acclimate to your new surroundings, you could save major bucks on things you don't need or furniture that won't get used.

Moving into a new space is a great time to check in on your personal style — or try out a new one.

Tear out things you like from magazines or use digital pin boards like Pinterest to organize photos of rooms — it won't take long for you to realize you gravitate toward certain colors, fabrics and decor.

## FILLING THE GAPS

Moving often means gaining more space. Even if you aren't acquiring additional square footage, you may find you are now dealing with different or oddly-shaped spaces.

After you've lived in your new space for a time, you may



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decorating, measure and re-measure your space. Take a tape measure with you to the store to make sure you get the

right-sized pieces for your space.

## START IN THE BEDROOM

The bedroom is where you will spend at good third of your time when you're home — and is the last place you will see before going to sleep and the first thing you will see when you open your eyes in the morning.

It makes sense to not only

start here, but to splurge as much as you can afford to. Purchase quality bedding in a print that calms you. Paint the walls, invest in room-darkening shades and hang artwork or framed photos on the wall.

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### HOMESWISE GLOSSARY

**Right of first refusal:** A provision in an agreement that requires the owner of a property to give another party the first opportunity to purchase or lease the property before he or she offers it for sale or lease to others.

**SOURCE:** Federal Trade Commission

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