



HipVan

Furniture Guide

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So who is HipVan?

HipVan is an online one stop shop for all your furniture and décor needs. At HipVan, we believe that creating inspiring homes, that are comfortable yet stylish, should be easy.

To make this possible, our in-house designers work together with designers worldwide to bring to you over 5000 furniture and furnishing products. With such a wide selection, you're sure to find pieces to mix and match to your personal taste.

We've cut the retail overheads like rental and middlemen, by sourcing these quality products direct from the manufactures. Thus, bringing to you beautiful designs with great quality, at a fair price.

We are a team of young adults who are passionate about helping you create a home you can call your own, without sacrificing your style or wallet.

Let us help you create your dream home today.

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Choose a sofa (so good)

Making an investment on a sofa doesn't have to be daunting if you keep in mind the basics of size, material and filling!



Hana
2 Seater Sofa
\$399

01 SIZE matters

The size of your sofa can make or break your living room. Take into account the number of people in your household as well as the amount of space you have. And always keep in mind that old adage, "Don't guess, measure."



The 101 on measurements

For a typical three or four bedroom HDB, a sofa that spans 1.3m to 2.1m is perfect for small families. Keep in mind that you'll need to leave a space allowance of 0.3m to 0.45m between pieces, as well as 0.9m for main passageways.

Sofa-beds

Love having people over but don't have the luxury of an additional guest bedroom? A stylish sofa bed is a wonderful alternative to a traditional sofa. Best part? Amazing movie nights! Popcorn not included.





02 Familial MATERIAL

From leather or PU (poly-synthetic leather) to fabric, be sure to choose the right material based on the needs and requirements of your home!

03 Your FILLINGS are important too

Your comfort depends heavily on the fillings of the sofa you choose. While personal preference is a big deciding factor, here are some tips to understand and differentiate each type.



Leather or PU?

We love the cosy worn-in look of a leather sofa. It may be a little too warm for sunny Singapore as leather is heat-absorbing, but before you tropic like it's hot, know that they are not easily torn, simple to maintain and look effortlessly classy.

PU might tear faster than real leather, but is much cheaper and lighter. Spilled your drink? No fear, waterproof PU is here!



Foam? Fibre?

Just like a fresh face of Botox, foam cushioned sofas are much firmer, maintain shape and cause the least amount of wrinkles! Perfect for that cleaner, sleeker look. To add an extra bounce, choose a combination of foam and pocketed-spring cushions. They are great for those who want the look without sacrificing comfort.

A cheaper alternative to foam would be fibre, and they are softer than foam! Plumping and fluffing required once in awhile.



Fabric lowdown

Fabric sofas are less expensive to maintain, cooler and more comfortable. On the flip side, furry friends leave bits of fur around or worse, dig into the fabric.



Down with down feathers

Want to sit on a pillow of clouds? Try down-plush or feather cushions! These are the softest and most luxurious of all fillings. However, they require daily fluffing to maintain their shapes and are often on the pricey side.

Sofas & Accent Chairs

from \$49 only



Taylor 3 Seater Sofa
\$699



Hana 3 Seater Sofa
\$499



Evan 3 Seater Sofa w/
Cushions
\$599



Milan 3 Seater Sofa with
Ottoman - Cowhide
\$1899



Jenny L Shape Sofa -
Cream
\$1699



Liam L Shape Sofa
\$499



Mizuki Rocking Chair -
Dark Grey
\$99



Cruze Lounge Chair
\$399



Moana Knitted Pouffe -
Raspberry Wine
\$49

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Sleep tight... your perfect bed is right here

Before choosing your mattress, you will probably be confused about which kind of bed frame to select, especially with so many options available. Fret not, we're here to help you with some of the most common types of bed frames in the market for you to consider guide with what the mattresses are suitable for your sleeping position



Beatrice Headboard
Super Single Bed: Sand
\$399

01 Solid Plywood

Solid plywood are one of the most stylish bed frames you would want in your home but this style does not come easy. These bed frames do not allow air to circulate beneath them especially in our humid weather. This causes moisture build-up which in turn leads to mould and mildew in denser mattresses. You can counter this by airing the mattress every once in a month.

Solid Plywood bases are essentially extensions of tree trunks; they are firm and provide back support to the sleeper by distributing weight and pressure evenly.


They tend to be on the more expensive end because of the economics and aesthetics of the wood!

02 Slats

Slats are great for foam mattresses as they offer a good level of ventilation from beneath. The best part? You can even store small boxes under the slatted bed base for that little extra storage, which you can never have enough of!

Slatted bases are affordable and offer great support as they're able to adapt to various amount of weights placed upon them. Bring on the fast food!

However, similar to a muffin top, dense mattresses e.g. foam types tend to sink between the slats, affecting the life and quality of the mattress.



03 Box Springs

Much like your favourite pair of sports bra, box spring beds act as a shock absorber for your mattress and reduce sagging too. With the extra support, they tolerate wear and tear well, and also deal with strong bounces... from your children of course!

To maintain its quality, memory foam mattresses on box springs need regular airing as well!

Fun fact: Box Spring bases actually complement pocket spring mattresses the best!



POSITION 01: Big/Little Spoon aka Side-Sleeper


What you should get:

- Foam/memory foam mattress
- Medium to medium soft mattress firmness (6/10 or 7/10)

WHY:

Side sleepers require a mattress that will not put stress on their shoulders and hips. Medium soft mattresses allow the side sleeper's body to sink in a little whilst alleviating stress from those pressure points.

**Now that you have your
bed sorted, let's move on to
mattresses!
What's your position?**



Our Suggestion: HipVan's DREAM mattress

- Memory foam pillow-top
- Manufactured and designed for the perfect balance of support and comfort



POSITION 02: Skydiver aka Front Sleeper

What you should get:

- pocket spring mattress
- medium to medium firm
- mattress firmness (7/10)



POSITION 03: Soldier aka Back-Sleeper

What you should get:

- foam/memory foam mattress
- firm or orthopaedic mattress
- firmness (8/10 and up)

WHY:

Side sleepers require a mattress that will not put stress on their shoulders and hips. Medium soft mattresses allow the side sleeper's body to sink in a little whilst alleviating stress from those pressure points.

Our Suggestion: HipVan's SLEEP mattress

- pocket spring base
- topped with an extra thick layer of high density foam that supports your body while you sleep

WHY:

Back sleepers tend to put weight on their lower back so the mattress has to not only support the lower back but also provide the right amount of flexibility so the upper back is not affected.



Our Suggestion: HipVan's DOWNTIME mattress

- conceived by the notion of hard working individuals that simply needed the rest they rightfully deserve
- carefully encased in high-density foam to provide you the perfect support for your back



Beds & Mattresses

from \$129 only

The perfect mattress

We are proud to present LEVITATE, HipVan’s all-inclusive mattress that offers the perfect balance of firmness with contouring support, especially good for those sharing a bed and those who switch sleeping positions during the night.

What LEVITATE comes with:

- individually coiled extra thick springs for perfect support
- special combination of memory foam, latex and cool fabric



Mike Queen Divan Bed w/
Mattress Set
\$459



Daniel Headboard Bed w/
Mattress
from \$559



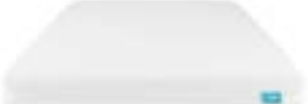
Maggie Headboard Bed
w/ Mattress
from \$1259



LEVITATE Mattress
from \$899



SLEEP Mattress
from \$349



Snooze Mattress
\$129



Parker Queen Wooden
Bed
\$599



Bradley Single Bed - Dark
Grey
\$129



Cassandra Storage Bed -
Smoke Grey
from \$799

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Get a dining table fit for royalty

The dining table is one of the most versatile and functional pieces of your home. As an important focal point of your home, understanding the needs in terms of material and shape will help you make this purchase.

Kendall
6 Seater Dining
\$499



01 MATERIAL matters

Contemporary, airy and easy to clean, glass tabletops are versatile enough to complement any colour. And because they have a reflective and clear surface, they are perfect for a space that might need to look a little bigger, lighter and brighter.

Great for families with young kids, laminate tabletops are made from synthetic materials. Not only are they durable and economical, laminate tabletops are also extremely easy to clean—liquids will not seep into the table like solid wood or wood veneer tabletops. Sip sip hooray!

Wood you look at that! Although more expensive, solid wood tabletops are extremely durable and definitely more natural-looking. Be sure to use pot stands, table runners and coasters as hot pans and sweating glasses will leave burn marks and water rings even on your waxed wood.

We're pretty sure Miley Cyrus was referring to wood veneer tabletops when she sang 'Best of both worlds'! Usually made up of a particle board or modular-density fibreboard (MDF) and put together with a thin layer of hardwood to give a natural wood finish, they are a much cheaper alternative to solid wood tops.

Like diamonds, marble tabletops can be your best friend too! However, place mats are a must for this hefty investment as stains caused by acidic foods like red wine and fruit are inevitable unless cleared and cleaned at all times. But don't lose your marbles just yet! With high maintenance comes show-stopping, timeless, marble-lous beauty.

02 I'm in love with the **SHAPE** of you

Round tables always allow for an additional stool to be pulled up if necessary and makes sure everyone is engaged in conversation at the table.



03 Tips and Tricks

For feng shui, circular tables are preferred as they do not block the flow of Qi. An alternative to those who want to keep the length of the rectangular table yet keep the Qi is an oval shaped dining table! Ovals are also more organic looking, and the rounded corners make them child friendly as well.



Rectangular tables are contemporary and good as a divider in open plan homes. A major downside though is the limited seating spots due to the position of table legs.



For a family of 2 to 4, round tables should generally span 1m and rectangular tables should be 1.2m to 1.4m in length so everyone gets a space for their elbows and their food.

Turn up the party with extendables! Perfect for a small family but even better for when guests come over for wine and cheese.



Keep about a 0.5m distance between dining chairs and the main passageway; you wouldn't want to be squeezing past guests with hot dishes!



Dining Furniture

from \$19.90 only



Meera 6 Seater Extension Table
\$699



Varden 6 Seater Dining Table
\$299



Harold Round Dining Table
\$199



Rhoda Dining Chair
\$159



Sadie Dining Chair
\$89



Harold Dining Chair
\$79



Nelson Bench
\$329



Tolix High Stool - Matte Black
\$39



Mizuki Stool - White
\$19.90

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WATT up? Your guide to lighting!

<p>Should I get traditional or LED bulbs?</p>	<p>Ans: Both have their merits. Traditional bulbs cost less initially whilst LED lights last around 20x longer than traditional bulbs and save more energy!</p>
<p>Is my hanging light fixture too low or too high?</p>	<p>Ans: As a safe guide, hanging fixtures should be at least 0.8m above the focal point, be it the head of the tallest person in the living room or the table in the dining room.</p>
<p>How do I use lighting to make my room bigger?</p>	<p>Ans: Instead of having one light source from overhead lighting, place floor lamps and table lamps around. This will allow your eyes to be drawn to different corners of a room, creating the illusion of space.</p>
<p>What kind of lights should I use in each room?</p>	<p>Ans: It is recommended that living areas should generally have ambient lights, while dining and kitchen areas should consist of a mixture of task and ambient lights. Researchers have found that bluer, cooler lights increase alertness while yellow lights allow for rest. Whichever your preference, make sure that the color temperature of the bulbs are similar to keep illumination consistent.</p>

Facts and Tips!

- Only a licensed electrician can replace socket outlets in HDB flats; save yourself from multiple appointments by having a good idea of the number and location of outlets for floor and table lamps before engaging one.
- It is always useful to have a dimmer and switch for your bedroom lights next to your bed so that you don't have to walk to the main switch to turn it off!

Common buying mistakes

Always measure

There's nothing worse than buying your beautiful solid mahogany dining table and realising that it doesn't fit through the door of your home.

To have an idea of how everything will fit in your space, use masking tape on the floor in the exact measurements of your dream furniture pieces!

Usage

You may be tempted to buy a bigger table or sofa for when your friends and family come over.

Realistically, this isn't the wisest decision if only 2-4 people are going to be using the furniture on a daily basis. Look for alternatives like extendable tables and stackable stools instead!

Don't buy everything all at once

Everyone wants their home 'fully-furnished' in time for a big housewarming party, but don't rush to buy everything at once! After buying main items, let them live in your home before buying accent and smaller pieces. This way, you have the time to think through your options and focus on making the space entirely your own.

Personality, practicality

You may have fallen in love with a hot pink sofa and that's fine!

However, always keep in mind that a sofa is a bigger investment and is harder to change than smaller, decorative pieces. A great alternative would be to purchase a statement armchair that you could easily place a throw over on days you may not be feeling it.

You may also want to have big ticket items in more neutral shades, and inject your personality into pieces like pouffes, wall art, cushions and lamps.

Check? Check!

Always double check the return and replacement policy of the store you're purchasing from. Especially with bigger items, returns can be tricky and costly.

Luckily, HipVan has a 'No Questions Asked 100-Day Return' Policy where we issue refunds and arrange for the item to be picked up from you!*

All inclusive checklist

Have all these ready on move-in day!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sofa | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing Machine and Dryer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Table and Benches/
Chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Mop, Bucket and Rags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed frame and mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom and Dust Pan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows, blanket and sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curtains/Blinds | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash can and trash bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wardrobe | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic cutlery and cookware |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom essentials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fridge | |

Move-in day optional items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food items | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes and hangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools i.e flashlight with
batteries, hammer, screwdriver
etc | |

Before you move in... make sure you

- Update your residential address with ICA
- Buy the relevant insurance for your house
- Open your utilities account
- Follow renovation guidelines
- Set up your broadband network

Use our exclusive code, **GUIDEMEHOME** to get \$50 off your purchase (min \$300). We've got you covered :)

Check out more of our products here!
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ProTip:

On move in day, bring a small bag with an extra set of clothes and travel-sized bathroom essentials together with your chargers and plugs.

This way, you don't have to search high and low in your countless number of boxes before your phone battery runs out!

Kiwami: Dolphin Lounge Chair \$1199

Notes

Need Interior Styling Advice?



Meet Chermain!
She is our resident stylist who is here to help you on all your styling questions!

Simply Whatsapp her at +65 8747 0795 for any furnishing questions, finding your next piece of furniture or just for styling tips to spruce up any room!*

*Chermain not included :)

How it works:

1. Add HipVan Interior Stylist at +65 8747 0795 on your phone
2. Whatsapp us what you're looking for, including suggestions on styles (e.g. Looking for a sofa/ scandinavian bed frame/ retro dining tables)!
3. Feel free to include photos and other details of the space you want to furnish so that our stylist can have a better idea to help you!
4. Additionally, you can check out our blog for more inspiration!



4 Must-Knows for New Homeowners

You just collected your keys after a long time and you just cannot wait to start this new phase of your life. But do not forget, a new home definitely comes with a new set of responsibilities and uncertainties. So take some time to consider these practical concerns to prevent mistakes that can jeopardize everything you have worked hard for.

1 Defects in new property development

You are covered by the 1 Year Defects Liability Period (DLP) so do not forget to do a proper check of your new home for any structural defects. Do not wait to submit the defect feedback form as you only have 7 days to do so after you have collected your keys.

2 Renovation Process

Talk to at least 3 companies before hiring your contractor. Get a sense of a reasonable quotation for your renovation and make an informed choice. You never know if the cheapest quote you select now is actually expensive after some time. On top of pricing, be sure to choose the firm that fully understands your needs and are capable and willing to execute tailored solutions for you.

3 Protect your Home and Family

You bought new pieces of furniture and art pieces with your hard earned money. Most of you would have purchased homeowners' insurance. If you haven't there's one from Etiqa Insurance for your consideration.

But that's not the only coverage you need, if you share your home with your spouse or children, you will need life insurance for them so that they won't lose the home lest anything unexpected happens. You can even get a Free Term Life Insurance through PolicyPal App.



4 Manage your existing insurance papers digitally

Sieve out your insurance paperwork before you start moving and throwing things away! Remember to check and consolidate your coverage and protection for your family and home in the future. If not, you can always use PolicyPal App to digitally manage all your existing insurance as well.



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Everything
you need for
a new home
is right
here.

Tristan Coffee
Table Set
\$399

Nuage Shaggy Rug
\$500

Jenny L Shape Sofa
\$1699

EVERYDAY 18-Pc
Dinnerware Set
\$29.90

Dexter Dining
Table 6 Seater
\$599

Fabian
Dining Chair
\$99

Leno Weave
Cotton Throw
\$16.90

Total Cost: \$3,240



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and free assembly**



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Quality products at fair prices





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