

Understanding upholstered seating

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At this time of year, as temperatures drop and the nights draw in, we all like to get our homes ready for cosy winter evenings – and comfortable seating is a key for creating a cosy environment.

Even if you do not require a new sofa it's worth reconsidering how you use the sofas and chairs you already have. A pair of sofas facing one another in front of the fireplace is traditional, but it may not be the ideal arrangement for your living room. Living rooms have to operate and function to accommodate a wide variety of everyday events from entertaining, relaxing to working. Before you make any decision about purchasing an item of upholstered furniture, you need to think carefully about the needs of the space and then you can be certain about the kind of furniture that best suits the room.

Low-backed sofas, or those without arms or skirts, allow you to see round and beyond them, creating a greater feeling of space in a room. Corner seating can work well for families being substantial and comfortable and often more practical. Simple sofas are a good idea if you want to focus attention either on an artwork or



another piece of furniture whilst decorative sofas make pretty and practical use of a tight space.

Trends – The three-piece suite could be found in almost every living room up and down the country until recently. As interest in interiors and furnishings has grown and homeowners have the confidence to experiment more, many people now select sofas with complementary or contrasting armchairs to bring more individual flair into their living room or open plan spaces. Rooms where everything matches run the risk of looking staid. It's great to mix things up, introduce contrast and take a few chances so the room becomes more interesting.



Wing Chair – Wing chairs are making a comeback now either with classic lines or a contemporary twist. Used throughout history to prevent drafts and retain heat around the person sat in it, we create wing chairs in numerous styles from tall, elegant chairs that dominate corners to lower designs with deeper seats to sit alongside sofas.

The Dining Chair
– Sadly a much misunderstood chair despite the many hours we spend sitting in it! So many poor quality



The Easton dining chair (left) and the Harrington dining chair (right) from the Crowther Collection.

examples are out there that to seriously consider width and depth of seating, support and finish is often overlooked. The comfort of deep buttoned seats and backs is a good choice for dining chairs. Maybe size often gets neglected because it is the least glamorous part of the furniture buying process. Before you even go looking for dining chairs, determine the size you will need. For this you have to consider the size of the room, and the room around your table.

The key with the dining room is to ensure it is not a shut-off, wasted space. Keep the door open and invest in eye-catching, colourful upholstery fabrics on the chairs for an attractive view from behind the chairs as well as when seated. At Crowther & Son we offer a fully bespoke service – allowing you to design your own dining room furniture. Our dining chairs are hand crafted, traditionally upholstered and made to the highest quality.

Every Crowther & Son design is handmade in our Lincoln workshop. Each piece is checked, signed by hand and numbered before being delivered to clients to provide many years of comfort, practicality and pleasure. It is worth taking extra time and care over these significant and crucial pieces of furniture because if they are designed and produced to high standards they will provide many years of loyal service.

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