

Skills for Living

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Topic 24-2

Furnishing Your Home

- In this topic, you will study the components involved in furnishing your home, as well as
 - ❖ **Choosing furniture**
 - ❖ **Organizing living space**
 - ❖ **Using accessories**

Furnishing Your Home

Objectives for Topic 24-2

After studying this topic, you will be able to

- explain how to choose good furniture
- demonstrate ways to organize living space
- give examples of ways to use accessories

Topic 24-2 Terms

❖ veneer

❖ finish

❖ activity center

❖ scale floor plan

❖ traffic pattern

Choosing Furniture

- Choosing furniture is an important task
 - ❖ It adds to the comfort and design of the home
- Choose furniture that is functional and in proportion to the size of the room
- The style you choose will depend on your design preferences, lifestyle, and personal taste

Choosing Furniture

- When judging the quality of furniture, consider the type of materials used and how well the furniture is made
 - ❖ A *veneer* is a thin slice of fine-quality wood
 - ❖ A *finish* is a treatment to wood to improve its surface



Did You Know...

- Changes in temperature and humidity can warp or split wooden furniture



Organizing Living Space

- The appearance, convenience, and comfort of a room depends partly on how the living space is organized
 - ❖ *Shared spaces* are areas where members gather and spend time with one another
 - Shared spaces often contain an *activity center*, a grouping of all the furnishings needed for a particular activity
 - ❖ *Personal space* is an area where people can be alone and store their belongings

Making a Scale Floor Plan

- As you plan furniture arrangements, consider the space available
 - ❖ A *scale floor plan* is a drawing that shows the size and shape of a room
 - ❖ *Traffic patterns* are the paths people follow as they move within a room

Using Accessories

- Accessories can transform an ordinary home into a unique home
 - ❖ clocks
 - ❖ pictures
 - ❖ statues
 - ❖ lamps
 - ❖ flowers



Summary for Topic 24-2

- After choosing the style of furniture, you need to think about how you will arrange the furniture in your home
- Use a scale plan to arrange the furniture
- Accessories can add the final touch to a home
- Accessories should coordinate with the other furniture in the room