

## Guide to terms generally used when talking about furniture that is not upholstered (case goods)

<b>Angel Beds</b>	A traditional term used to describe a bed that has a canopy, but without any front support.
<b>Armoires</b>	A large and very popular piece of furniture found in many American homes, usually used as a television or entertainment center, a cupboard, or a wardrobe, with doors and shelves for storing DVDs, clothes, and other items. Often used in the bedroom, dining room, or living room, and can conveniently hide its contents (television, etc.) by closing large doors normally found on these furniture pieces.
<b>Asian Hardwood</b>	A wood derived from trees indigenous to Asia (China, Vietnam, etc.); very similar to American Oak
<b>Banding</b>	An inlay that provides a color/grain that contrasts with the surface it decorates.
<b>Bureau</b>	A low chest of drawers, usually with a mirror. Also called a dresser.
<b>Blanket Chest</b>	Low storage chest with a hinged lid and often a lower drawer, serving also as a bench.
<b>Blockfront Chest</b>	A chest, book case, or china cabinet containing 3 sections, with the middle section being deeper (or higher) than the outer sections
<b>Book Match</b>	Method of veneer matching where pairs of adjacent slices of veneer, as they are cut from the log, are opened up like the pages of a book, producing a mirror image of the grain pattern.
<b>Bookcase Headboard</b>	A headboard for a bed with space to store books, radios, clocks, and other small items. Sometimes called a storage headboard.
<b>Bonnet Top</b>	Often found in tall case goods (case furniture), and indicated when the broken-arched pediment covers the entire top of the piece from front to back.
<b>Buffet</b>	French term referring to a sideboard used to store china, silver, and linens. The top surface is used as a counter for serving. Buffets usually have drawers as well as doors.
<b>Bun Foot</b>	A style of foot on furniture consisting of a flattened ball with a thin ankle above
<b>Burl</b>	A knot found in wood that creates circular (swirl) patterns when finished or used in a veneer
<b>Cane</b>	Used to cover chair backs and seats, a material of split rattan; can be used in outdoor furniture.

<b>Canopy Beds</b>	A popular type of bed consisting of four posts and a surrounding high rail, allowing a fabric canopy to be draped from the posts; a romantic styling dating to the central European castles and palaces of the 17th century.
<b>Case Goods</b>	Industry term used to define any furniture not associated with upholstery and fabric, commonly used to refer to components of a furniture collection other than the central pieces in a room (e.g. bed, sofa, chairs). In the bedroom, commonly used to refer to dressers, nightstands, chests, mirrors, and armoires.
<b>Casters</b>	Small wheels mounted in a swivel frame attached to base or legs to facilitate moving a piece of furniture.
<b>Casual Furniture</b>	A style of furniture more informal than a traditionally styled pieces, including simple details, textured elements of upholstery, and minimalist horizontal lines; furniture is large in scale and selected for comfort and utility with less emphasis on intricate details.
<b>Cheval Mirror</b>	A full-length, swinging mirror hung between two posts anchored by a cross beam.
<b>Chiffonier</b>	A furniture piece usually found in the bedroom consisting of a tall narrow chest of drawers; sometimes also be referred to as a semanier; see Chiffoniers at Total Bedroom Furniture.com.
<b>China Made</b>	Furniture made in China; much furniture that is sold today in the US and European markets is made in China; refinements and industry best-practices implemented through the 1980s and 1990s have driven considerable manufacturing and quality improvements in furniture made in China; today, well-made Chinese furniture is indistinguishable from most American-made furniture.
<b>Claw And Ball Foot</b>	The base of a leg on a piece of furniture that imitates a talon (an animal's paw) grasping a ball; often found on wood beds, chests, buffest, and dressers.
<b>Credenza</b>	Small buffet or sideboard used for serving, storage, or display
<b>Curio Cabinet</b>	A glass-enclosed cabinet for displaying a variety of products such as glass-ware and other collectables. Sometimes simply called a curio.
<b>Dove Tails</b>	A traditional tongue-and-groove style of securing two piece of wood, typically at a corner or right angle to each other; creates a smooth, finely hand-crafted look/finish for corners in dressers, nightstands, armoires, chests, and other furniture with drawers and lids.
<b>Diamond Match</b>	Four pieces of relatively straight-grained wood veneer are cut diagonally and joined to meet in a central diamond shape.

<b>Drawer Guide/Slide</b>	Strips of wood or metal placed under the centre or on the outside of drawers to serve as a track on which they are drawn back and forth.
<b>Drop-Leaf Table</b>	Type of table with hinged leaves that fold down to shorten, or up to lengthen the surface.
<b>Dust Panel</b>	Thin, horizontal board between two drawers in a chest to diminish dust accumulation.
<b>Edging</b>	Method of protecting veneer panel by applying a thin strip of solid wood, metal, or plastic at the edge of the panel. Also called banding.
<b>End Table</b>	Small side table, used at the end of a sofa or beside a chair.
<b>Engineered Wood</b>	Any restructured composite of wood, including oriented strand board, particleboard, and plywood.
<b>Electric Fireplace</b>	A moveable fireplace, generally consisting of a wood, metal, or composite mantel and an electric element used to simulate flames; often includes a heat generating element, and run from standard electrical outlets.
<b>Embossing</b>	A technique used to decorate furniture through the imitation of wood carvings; involves compressing wood around a decorative, raised area during the manufacturing process.
<b>Espresso</b>	A very dark, almost black, wood finish.
<b>Fiberboard</b>	Sometimes known as Particleboard, a board made of compressed wood fibers and glue and often utilized as an inexpensive substitute for a solid wood edge; found in inexpensive furniture sold at many mass merchants and 'big box' retailers..
<b>Fill Power</b>	<i>(in bedding)</i> A measure of how many cubic inches one ounce of down will loft and expand to fill an empty space. Fill power usually ranges from 500 to 800 cubic inches, with 625 or greater considered excellent. A higher fill power means that the down will loft more, insulate better and provide greater warmth and comfort.
<b>Filling</b>	A finishing process in wood furniture manufacturing - wood pores are filled with a substance that causes the surface to be smoother and flatter when complete.
<b>Finial</b>	Frequently found in classically or traditionally-styled furniture, a carved or turned piece which is found at the upper end of a post; often seen in four poster beds and in bed headboards and footboards.
<b>Flat Packed</b>	<i>(also known as Flat-packed)</i> An industry term referring to furniture that is shipped unassembled and packed into a flat container (usually reinforced cardboard

boxes); also used to describe a category of furniture made by companies such as Sauder and O'Sullivan.

<b>Flutes</b>	A traditional ornamentation consisting of a series of vertical grooves that terminate just above and below circular rings or other embellishments on a post or leg.
<b>Fretwork</b>	Decorative trim on furniture consisting of pierced or interlaced components.
<b>Futon</b>	A highly adaptable furniture piece which can serve as a sofa, and converts into a full-size bed for sleeping; became extremely popular in the United States in the 1980s, and continues to be a very popular furniture piece due, in large part, to its functional flexibility.
<b>Four Poster Bed</b>	A bed which contains four high posts, one at each corner of the bed; considered a highly romantic form of traditional bed.
<b>Frame</b>	( <i>Bed Frame</i> ) The underlying structure supporting the mattress and box spring.
<b>Gilding</b>	Used frequently in traditional furniture; a thin layer of gold coating (or a gold color)
<b>Glaze</b>	A part of the wood furniture finishing process, a color development step during which the piece is blended to highlight to show the grain characteristics of the wood.
<b>Grain</b>	Variations in color and texture made by the size and arrangements of cells and pores of a living tree and revealed when wood is cut through the trunk in an essentially horizontal direction.
<b>Hand Distressing</b>	A technique used to create a marred or distressed surface, which lends an aged look to furniture.
<b>Hardwood Furniture</b>	Furniture constructed mostly or entirely of solid hardwoods, such as Oak, Maple, or Asian Hardwood.
<b>Headboard</b>	The complete head section of a bed, forming the top portion of the bed nearest to the head of the sleeper; also defined as the boards within the head framework; generally equal to or greater in height than the footboard; can be used without a footboard and only a bed frame; a great variety of Headboards are offered by Total Bedroom Furniture.com.
<b>Highlighting</b>	A technique in the furniture finishing process in which the colored finish materials in a pattern are removed in order to enhance the wood's natural grain patterns.
<b>Hutch</b>	A top cupboard usually placed above buffet or sideboard for display of plates, cups, and utensils often of Early American or country styling.

<b>Inlay</b>	A design formed flush into wood furniture through the contrast of grains, colors, and textures of wood, metal, ivory, tortoiseshell, mother-of-pearl, and other <b>materials</b> .
<b>Jewellery Armoire</b>	A small armoire specifically designed to hold jewelry, and usually placed in the bedroom.
<b>Kiln-Dried</b>	Wood that has been dried in a control-heated chamber, as opposed to air dried, which is more likely to warp because the drying is less even.
<b>Knock-down</b>	<i>(also known as KD) Furniture</i> A furniture industry term referring to furniture that is shipped in multiple pieces and assembled at the point of use (either the consumers' home, office, store, or warehouse).
<b>Lacquer</b>	A cellulose-based, clear material applied as top coats in furniture; provides protection to the furniture piece and often shine.
<b>Ladder Back</b>	Type of chair with back posts joined by a series of horizontal rails, resembling a ladder, used instead of a vertical splat.
<b>Lattice</b>	An openwork crisscross or fretwork made of thin, flat strips of wood or metal. Usually found in chairs and headboards.
<b>Leaf</b>	A board or panel used as a tabletop extension. Some leaves are hinged to the table surface and must be raised to a horizontal position, as in a Pembroke or gate-leg table. Other leaves are drawn out from beneath the table surface, as in the draw table. In other tables, the top can be separated and extended so leaves can be placed in the opening.
<b>Laminate</b>	Multiple layers used in furniture construction to create strength and durability; usually used in wood panels in three, five, or more layers, laid alternately across the wood grains.
<b>Lingerie Chest</b>	A term used to describe a tall chest of drawers used to store lingerie;
<b>MDF</b>	<i>(Medium Density Fibre, Medium Density Fiberboard, or MDFB)</i> A wood product used in furniture construction, usually beneath veneers; formed by breaking down wood into fibres and mixing with wax and resin, and creating panels through the application of pressure and high temperatures; a more dense and sturdy construction than particleboard Frequently found in the bedroom and dining room furniture. A high quality MDF is the best performing foundation for veneers today.
<b>Modular Storage</b>	A furniture industry term used to refer to flexible storage solutions that are changeable/adjustable by the end user to create multiple customized configurations; example products include storage cubes, shelving, and bookcases used to store CDs, DVDs, video tapes, cassettes, books, records, clothes,

personal items such as perfumes and jewelry, and many other small items requiring organization; can be used in any room of the house.

<b>Nightstand</b>	A small table placed beside a bed and usually used to for a small lamp, books, or a clock; frequently one nightstand is placed on either side of a bed if the bed is a full, queen, king, or cal king size.
<b>Occasional Furniture</b>	Term applied to small furniture items such as cocktail tables, end tables, sofa tables, nightstands, chests, commodes, and pull-up chairs designed to permit varied uses in a room.
<b>Organic</b>	Produced without the use of chemically formulated fertilizers, growth stimulants or pesticides.
<b>Overlay</b>	A decorative piece of wood that acts as a trim on a flat surface.
<b>Patina</b>	Softening of color and texture of a surface through age, wear, or rubbing.
<b>Pediment</b>	Often found on case goods, an ornamental, usually triangular crown used as a decorative finishing element.
<b>Platform Bed</b>	A low profile bed originating from European-influenced design, normally does not require a box spring below the mattress and usually does not include a footboard, thus forming a 'platform' for the mattress; now an extremely popular form of bed in the United States.
<b>Polyurethane</b>	ACHEMICAL FINISH FREQUENTLY USED IN THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY
<b>Rails</b>	The lateral components of a bed that run between the headboard and footboard and form the supporting components for the box spring and mattress.
<b>Ready-to-Assemble</b>	<i>(also known as RTA or Ready to Assemble) Furniture</i> Furniture that is shipped in a disassembled format, often 'flat packed' into boxes, and assembled once it arrives at its point of use; advantages include ease of shipping and lower pricing.
<b>Rubber Wood</b>	<i>(also known as Rubberwood)</i> A high quality hardwood indigenous to Asian countries, similar to American Oak.
<b>Serpentine</b>	A decorative component of furniture comprised of dual curves and used in drawer and door fronts; traditionally found in various French furniture styles.
<b>Settee</b>	Long seat with side arms and back, sometimes upholstered.
<b>Sheen</b>	In wood finishing, degree of luster of a dried film.
<b>Sideboard</b>	Originally an open-shelf dining room piece, literally a side board or boards. Now a piece with cabinet and/or drawers below and sometimes open shelving above for the display of plates and silver.

<b>Slat System</b>	<i>(as used in beds and daybeds)</i> Horizontal supports used in beds and daybeds that attach to or lay on the Rails (see above), and provide support for the box spring and mattress; an alternative support system used in place of metal bed frame in some beds and daybeds.
<b>Sleigh Bed</b>	A bed with large scroll-like footboard and headboard, similar to old-style sleigh fronts.
<b>Staining</b>	<i>(Stain)</i> The application of colored dye to wood furniture; used in the furniture finishing step to provide a deeper, richer look.
<b>Table Lamp</b>	A smaller lighting fixture that is used on top of a table, typically 10" to 3' in height.
<b>Wainscoting</b>	An application of wood molding up to the middle or lower half of a wall; sometimes also found on ceilings.
<b>Wall Mirror</b>	Any type of mirror that's designed to be hung on a wall.
<b>Wall Units</b>	Large free-standing or wall hung units which can have drawers, shelves, cabinets, desks, entertainment centers or other features.
<b>Wardrobe</b>	A tall upright cabinet with a door or doors. Designed for storing clothing.