

Where to Get a Sofa that will Last

(even with kids and pets)



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What is here for you?

Here is my review of reliable sources for upholstery aka sofas, couches, sectionals and chairs. The focus is mostly on family-friendly fabrics referred in my blog post, **I Want a Stylish Couch that Lasts with Kids and Pets**. It's an insight into my own experience as well as many other people.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if I buy my own fabric for my sofa?

A: It usually costs more if you use your own fabric rather than the manufacturer's inventory. In some cases, the cost will be the same or just slightly different. Consider this option and then calculate the cost.

Q: What is the average warranty for my sectional?

A: Each manufacturer has their own policy. Read the warranty carefully.

For example. You ordered through Wayfair. They ordered directly from ABC company for you. Request the warranty from Wayfair,

Disclaimer

I show some photos of light colored sofas here for clarity of form. This doesn't mean that I recommend white sofas.

Disclaimer

Things happen in this industry. Sometimes, you find a rotten egg. I can't take responsibility for any errors of any kind. I hope that your experience will be smooth and enjoyable and your sofa or a sectional will serve you for many years.

Stores and Manufacturers

These manufacturers I've worked with and never had a problem. I checked their reputation online and it seems to be really good. Also, they have family friendly fabrics (that is for kids and pets in mind).

- Gus Modern
- Monarch Sofas
- Elite Leather
- CR Lane
- Lee Industries
- Younger Furniture
- The MT Company



Gus Modern



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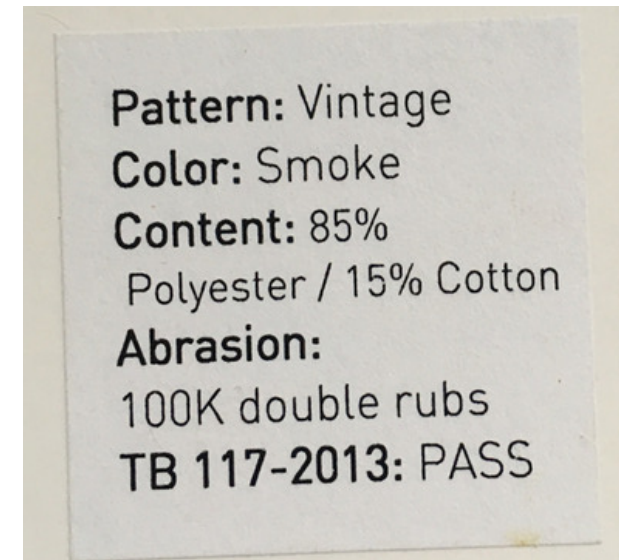


[Gusmodern.com](https://gusmodern.com) Price ranges \$1,200- \$3,800

Furniture has modern clean lines and large selections. It is a Canadian company with a good reputation for quality and service. From my experience, they were just two weeks late with delivery, which my client could live with. **Note: ask about fabric warranty when buying on sale or as a floor sample.**

Gus Modern Fabrics

The company will send you a sample of the fabric upon request on their site. They try to include some percentage of natural fibers, such as cotton with synthetics. Always test the fabrics before you buy. The abrasion factor (double rubs) is mostly very high. 100,000 double rubs here is way too much. If it is over 15,000 double rubs you are fine.



Gus Modern Fabrics



Gus Modern New Fabrics

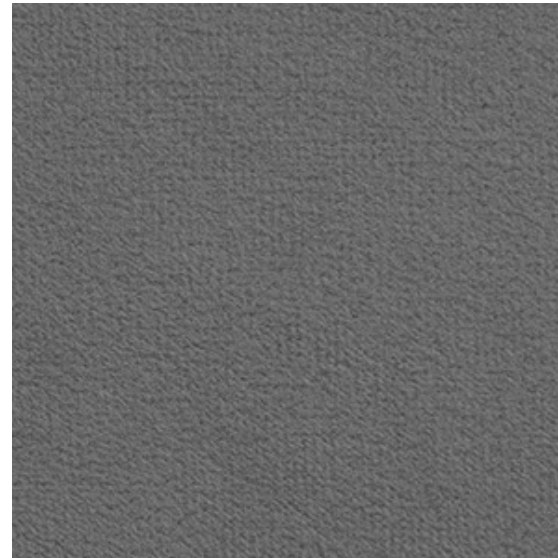
If you want a soft, buttery fabric they have synthetic based velvets that are fabric backed durability. Fabric backing is used to reduce stretching.



Adelaide Sofa velvet rust



velvet rust



velvet mercury

Monarch Sofas



Custom Sectional

MonarchSofa.com. Starting price for a sofa is \$649

Domestic company, so everything is made at their factory in the USA. They offer good quality and many options at reasonable prices. They offer many options for cushions, legs, seam styles, and nailheads.

Monarch Fabric Options

Fabrics & Leathers

We offer hundreds of fabrics and leathers in the latest styles and colors. If you're looking for durability, beauty, and comfort, we have exactly what you're looking for. Please note that every type of fabric or leather is also available in a wide assortment of colors and textures.



Cotton

Soft, Breathes Well,
Ideal For Slipcovered Pieces



Dura-Suede

Easy Maintenance



Dura-Velvet

Easy Maintenance,
Plush, Luxurious



Chenille

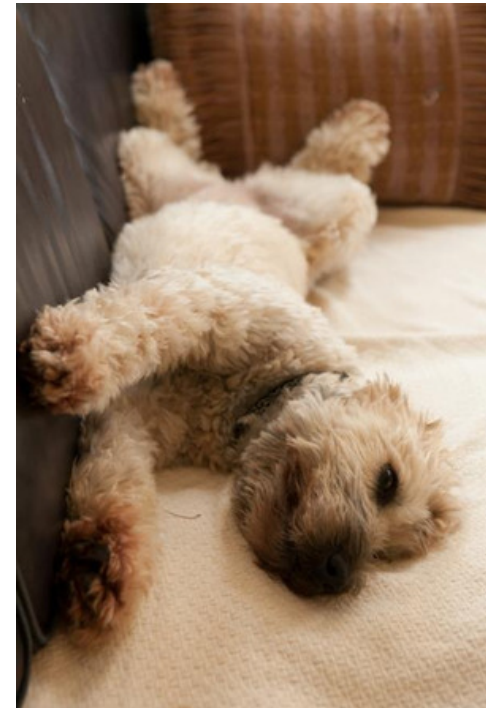
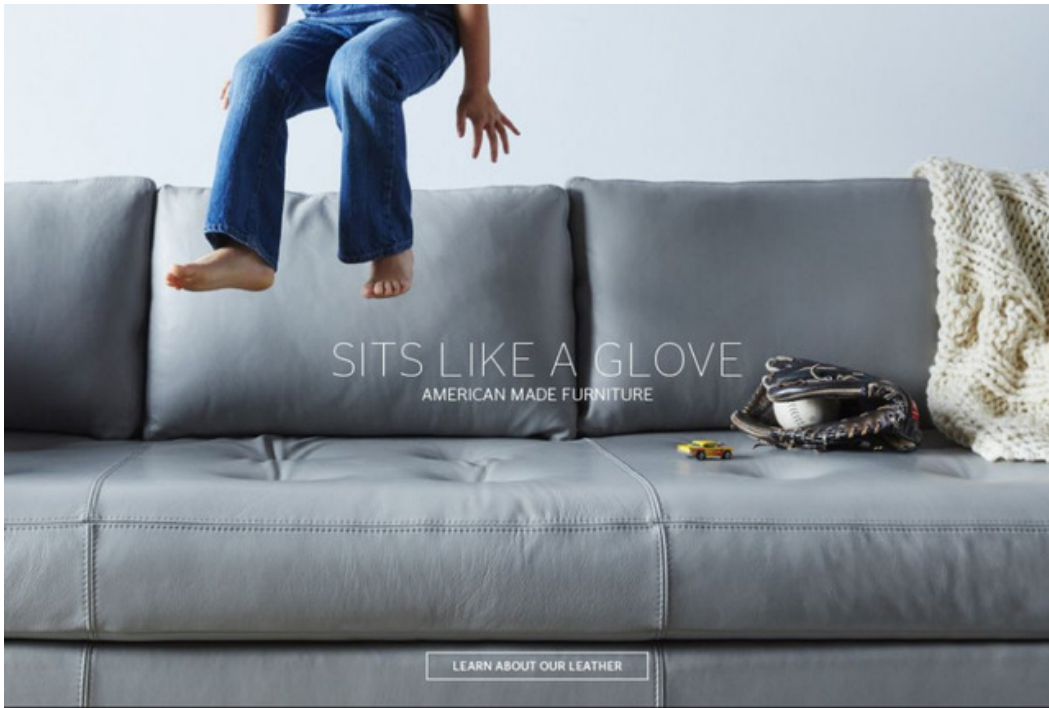
Available In An
Assortment Of Textures,
Plush, Luxurious



Leather

Available Textured Or Distressed,
Durable, Luxurious

Elite Leather



eliteleather.com Price ranges: leather starts at \$2,500, ultrasuede \$2,000

I'm obsessed with the quality of my Elite leather sofa. I have it for over fifteen years, and of course, Lucy scratched it here and there but it is still the most comfortable and solid piece of furniture I have. The company uses the finest cowhides. Only the upper portion of the hide is used, which is called the top grain. After tanning, the hides are dyed with aniline dye. The translucent color brings out the natural markings and grain pattern on each hide, much as stain enhances the grain on wood.

Elite Leather Construction

Zippers

All attached arm and back pillows have easy access zippers for your convenience.

Back Pillows

Filled with the finest quality polyester fiber for comfort and long-lasting resiliency.

Leather

Only Aniline-dyed leathers of top grain are used. During the tanning process, Aniline dyes saturate the hide until the color becomes an integral part of the leather, enhancing the surface.

Outside Panels

Outside panels are padded to add softness and support to the fabric or leather, preventing it from sagging and becoming loose.

Frames

Depending on the design of an individual style, our frames are made of responsibly forested Pacific Northwest alder hardwood or of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified hardwood plywood. The hardwood plywood frames we produce also meet the strict standards of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). We create the frames in our own mill and reinforce our frames to ensure proper tailoring of the selected covering. Major frame joints are corner blocked, glued, and stapled for added stability.

Seat Cushions

Seat cushions of high-performance, 1.8 high-density polyurethane foam with foam wrap are soft and resilient. Multiple seating options are also available, including down and feather and LT cushions.

Suspension System

Each piece includes tempered steel sinuous springs for both back and seat suspension. This ensures that your back pillows and seat cushions are properly supported and that extraordinary seating comfort is provided.

Seams

Seams are sewn with bonded nylon and monofilament threads for strength and flexibility.

Warranty

One of the most comprehensive warranties in the furniture industry. Limited lifetime warranty covers the leather, frame construction, seating suspension and seat cushions.



CR Lane



Dane Sectional

crlaine.com Starting price \$1,500

I specified the above sectional for my client with two young boys. It's been three years already and no complaints. It is comfortable and they love it.

The frames are constructed using 5/4" or thicker kiln-dried hardwoods and engineered hardwoods with fitted joints that have been glued and dowelled twice then reinforced with angled corner blocks for structural integrity. Rows of 8-way hand tied double cone steel coil springs are supported by a platform of poly webbing and steel bands.

CR Lane Fabrics - My Client's Fabric



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Fomo Dune

CONTENT: 57% Cotton, 18% Acrylic, 25% Polyester

REPEAT: Plain

CLEANING CODE: S

SWATCH#: 1502

GRADE: 13

CR Lane Fabrics- Sunbrella



BOSSTWEED GRANITE BOSSTWEED GRANITE

BossTweed Granite

CONTENT: 100% Sunbrella Solution-dyed Acrylic

REPEAT: .81" V

CLEANING CODE: M

SWATCH#: 1668

GRADE: 16

CRLAINE.COM

CR Lane- Cushions



Murphy Sofa by CR Lane

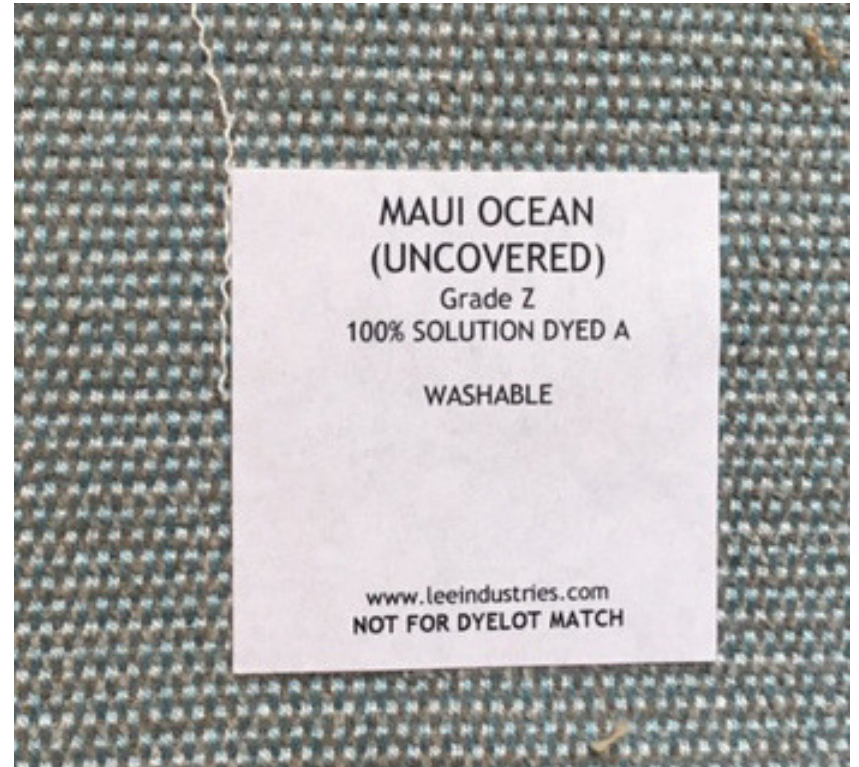
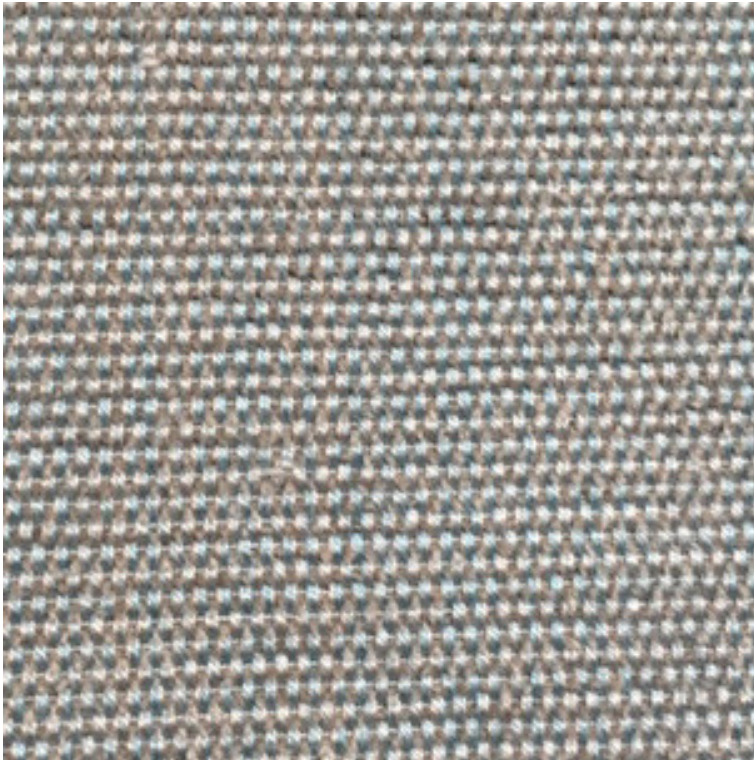
Standard seat cushions are constructed with high resiliency soy based foam that is wrapped in fiber and encased in a soft fabric ticking. This reduces abrasion and helps fabric wear longer. Loose back cushions are baffled to hold the filling in place for long lasting comfort. Hand-cut, hand-sewn, and hand-tailored.

Lee Industries

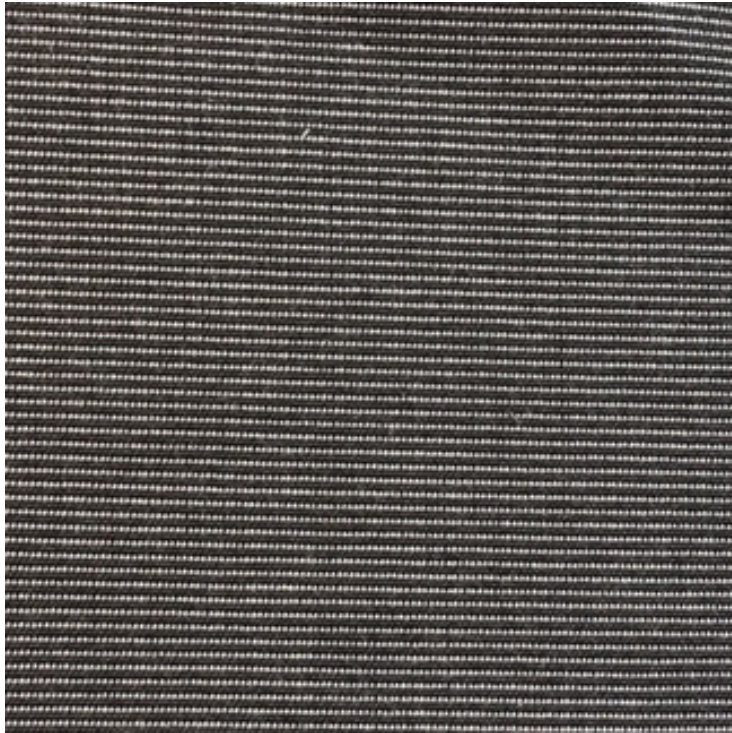


leeindustries.com. I cannot say enough about the quality or comfort of Lee. They make it so comfortable to lounge and nap! In addition to their own enormous fabric selection, they will cover any frame with the fabric you supply (COM). The price is generally about the same as a grade G or so. In addition, the company is known for using environmentally friendly products. They use certified wood frames, recycled fiber filling for pillows, soy-based cushions and padding, very low VOC finishes and organic and natural fiber fabrics that are washable. Their acrylic fabrics are beautiful and easy to maintain. They offer many options including slipcovers.

Lee Industries Fabrics- Washable



Lee Industries Fabrics- Sunbrella



Lee Industries



Denim Slipcovered Sofa

Younger Furniture



James Collection

youngerfurniture.com Sectional above starts \$2,700

The company proudly crafts high-quality upholstered furniture in North Carolina. The designs are up to date and easy to live with easy to care fabrics, including Sunbrella. The built-in quality is every bit the equal to – and sometimes better than – what you'll find in much higher priced pieces.

Younger Furniture-Construction



Younger Furniture has sophisticated and interactive site where you can see the exact construction of the frame and cushions.

Younger Furniture- Fabrics

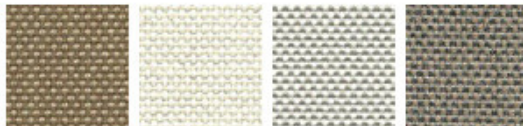
JAMES COLLECTION



Fabric 9440 Clean Code Sunbrella
 Grade L Repeat None
 Double Rubs 15000 / Heavy Duty
 Blend 100% Sunbrella Acrylic

**Heavy stonewashed product, dye a lot and shade will vary, this adds to beauty and authenticity*

Colors available in this fabric



White

Fabric

Black Blue Brown Cream Gray Green Orange Purple Red White Yellow Patterns

2794	2801	2803	2811	2812
2814	2822	2830	2834	8410
8460	8690	8891	8892	9170
9312	9322	9361	9404	9409
9420	9433	9440		

The MT Company- Best Kept Secret!



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1. Gavin Sofa by Michael Thomas; 2. Kelton kids Swivel Chair by Joe Ruggiero;
3. Washable Wonders Slipcovered Sofa

themtcompany.com. This company is the best-kept design industry secret. Collections boasts beautiful sofas by Michael Thomas found at Calico Corners for more dollars, Miles Talbott tailored ottomans and Washable Wonders slipcovers are quite impressive. The company provides amazing quality for reasonable prices. When you enter your zip code they'll connect you with a designer in your area.

The MT Company- Sunbrella



Sensational denim by Joe Ruggiero
100% Acrylic Sunbrella



Washed Galaxy - Slipcover fabric 100% Cotton
(Washable)

Final Words and a Contact



Even the sturdiest sofa is not bulletproof. I was stressing for years every time Rachel (my daughter above) would drag Lucy to the sofa. Then I just stopped. I decided that it wasn't worth it for me. Miraculously she stopped scratching it. She would still lay down when I wasn't looking, but no more scratches. I guess she lost interest when she saw I didn't care. Ummm, go figure. Of course, I'm here to help you. Anytime you have any questions, connect with me at marinaklima@mydecoratingtips.com

xo,

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