

# TURNING YOUR HOUSE INTO A HOME: BUDGETING FOR FURNITURE

## Checklist steps

1

Note your furniture budget at the top of the worksheet. When deciding on this number, consider how much you're comfortable spending and the amount of new furniture you need. That could mean sticking to essentials like blinds and a couch, or maybe you have the budget and vision to entirely redecorate.

2

Read through the list of items and record the number of each item you need in the "Amount needed" column.

3

Explore your options—when you find an item that you like, record the store name and price in the columns provided.

4

After you've compared your selections, record the price under the "Total cost" column. Remember to also record any delivery or set up costs.

5

Calculate the sum of all your furniture prices at the bottom of the "Total cost" column. Go over your choices as needed to make sure you strike the balance between sticking to your budget and getting the furniture you want.

Furniture and decorating budget =

| Item                      | Quantity | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Total cost |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| <b>Kitchen</b>            |          |          |          |          |            |
| Fridge                    |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Oven                      |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Microwave                 |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Dishwasher                |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Dishes, cutlery, utensils |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Small appliances          |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Linens                    |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Dining table              |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Chairs                    |          |          |          |          | \$         |

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| <b>Bedroom</b>           |          |          |          |          |            |
| Bed frame                |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Headboard                |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Mattress                 |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Bed sheets               |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Comforter                |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Pillows                  |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Night table              |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Dresser                  |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| <b>Bathroom</b>          |          |          |          |          |            |
| Towels                   |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Washcloths               |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Bath mat                 |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Shower curtain and liner |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Toilet brush             |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Toilet plunger           |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| <b>Living room</b>       |          |          |          |          |            |
| Couch                    |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Chair                    |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| TV                       |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Media stand              |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Coffee table             |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Throw pillows            |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Side tables              |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| <b>Home office</b>       |          |          |          |          |            |
| Desk                     |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Office chair             |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Printer                  |          |          |          |          | \$         |

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| <b>Other</b>                    |          |          |          |          |            |
| Lamps                           |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Curtains/blinds                 |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Area rugs                       |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Storage                         |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Laundry machines                |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Cleaning supplies               |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Vacuum                          |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Garbage cans                    |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Tool kit                        |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Wall art                        |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Patio furniture                 |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| <b>Additional expenses</b>      |          |          |          |          |            |
| Delivery and set up costs       |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Decorator fee                   |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| Additional furniture not listed |          |          |          |          | \$         |
| <b>Total furniture costs</b>    |          |          |          |          | <b>\$</b>  |