

NEW HOMES & CONDOS

Made in Canada, eh?



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With the drop in oil prices and the resulting free fall of the Loonie it is time for those who have always looked south of the border for great products to rethink Canadian home furnishings.

Now is the time to make our dollar work at home rather than paying upwards of 40 per cent in additional costs (including shipping and handling) to buy from the U.S. or elsewhere.

Many of my own clients want to support Canadian companies but now there is even more incentive to find manufacturers and artisans located here in Canada.

In fact, Ontario alone is blessed with a plethora of furniture builders, creating stuff right here, while the rest of Canada is brimming with incredible craft-people, artisans, and makers of

just about everything!

So here is only a smattering of excellent products made by Canadians for Canadians where our dollar still has some bite.

And although it may hurt when purchasing American currency for a vacation, perhaps we should look at this new low as an opportunity to embrace product made right in our own backyard.

Sofas and chairs

If you are looking for a sofa or a chair check out Statum Designs, Decor-Rest, or Brentwood Classics, three family run manufacturers who build a wide range of soft goods carried by large retailers such as Hudson's Bay and Sears.

Many successful independent retailers carry a variety of these brands as well. Also a proud

shoutout to Statum Design's who manufactures our custom furniture line for decor retailers called Jane by Jane Lockhart.

decor-rest.com
statumdesigns.com
brentwoodclassics.com

Metal works

As an independent designer and manufacturer, Style Garage creates artisan tables, chairs, storage units, metal work and upholstery (really anything at all) from sources found within Ontario. Looking for something custom? No problem! This is the place to go.

stylegarage.com

Fine dining

For a huge selection of wood chairs, bars and tables, look for Quebec manufacturer Canadel. Made from locally grown birch and produced by Canadians in Louisville, Quebec, this wood company is over 30 years old and continues to offer unique styles and colours.

canadel.com

Finely crafted

As a 50-year-old family business located north of Newmarket, Brices makes fine qual-

ity dining, bedroom, storage, wall units and chairs from solid maple or cherry. In fact, there isn't much this Mennonite company can't make out of wood from rustic cottage decor to finely crafted furniture pieces. They are definitely worth the drive!

bricesfurniture.com

How suite it is

Another family-run business, Geovin makes lovely quality dining and bedroom suites. With a mix of contemporary style and modern flair, this company produces elegant pieces that will stand the test of time.

geovin.com

Hardwood floors

Using North American sourced wood, including woods from Quebec and Ontario, Vintage produces numerous finishes and colours as well as planks up to 10" wide. Located in the GTA, Vintage offers a custom stain option to allow those with particular taste to get exactly what they want.

vintageflooring.com

Canadian flare

I have to hand it to Urban Barn, as they continue to capture the Canadian sense of humour and fun. As a B.C.-based retailer, they have 50 stores across Canada and offer neat things like pillows in the shape of furry city-dwelling squir-



A number of family-run manufacturers in Canada carry a wide range of sofas and chairs. Seen here: A Jackson sofa with pillows.

rels, birch bark logs, and of course, the iconic Canadian flag. Items are designed in Canada with all upholstery from here, creating a uniquely Canadian flavour.

urbanbarn.com

Hip houseware

Located among the hip houseware retailers along a stretch of Queen St. West, Design Republic sources Canadian made product, builds many of their own

pieces and curates an industrial and retro vibe with a serious nod to Canadian "cool".

mydesignrepublic.com

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A table by Brice's Furniture and chairs by Chair Source are featured here in this dining room designed by Jane Lockhart.



From Canadel's loft collection. Furniture is made from locally grown birch and produced by Canadians in Louisville, Que.