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In a world where so much is made of plastic and wood veneer, solid wood furniture is pleasantly distinct. The Amish are known for being experts at crafting quality, sturdy wood furniture using simple, beautiful designs. Amish-made furniture adds natural warmth and elegance to any style room, and neutral tones make it easy to mix and match pieces harmoniously.

If you're interested in Amish furniture, you probably have a lot of questions about the furniture-making process. Many people know that the Amish do not rely on electricity, so how do they build marvelous pieces of solid wood furniture? In this guide, we'll answer your top questions about Amish woodworking such as:

- How solid wood furniture is made
- How the Amish build furniture
- What kind of wood the Amish use
- If the Amish use power tools

We'll also cover the following topics:

- Little known facts about Amish woodworking
- Types of Amish carpentry techniques
- Types of Amish furniture styles
- Amish furniture delivery process

By the end of this guide, you'll have a better understanding of Amish woodworking traditions, techniques and values. That way, when you welcome a piece of Amish furniture into your home, you'll think of its story as you feel the smooth, solid surface beneath your hand. We offer quality Amish-made furniture for every room in your home, from the living room and dining room to the bedroom and office — even for your outdoor spaces.

CHAPTER 1

Little-Known Facts About Amish Woodworking and Craftsmanship

Many people associate the Amish with a rural lifestyle free of electricity and technology. For this reason, it may be hard to imagine an Amish craftsman building a precise piece of furniture by hand. However, Amish woodworking is not as mysterious as it may seem. Before we jump into Amish woodworking techniques, let's consider who the Amish are.

The Amish arrived in America in the 1700s to break away from the religious disputes and hardship in Europe. They brought with them a value of simplicity, hard work and harmony with nature, which is apparent in their craftsmanship. The Amish do not reject all technology. Rather, they use technology selectively and consider the tools that will serve their community rather than make a negative impact on their culture. It's estimated that over 411,060 Amish adults and children live in North America in 2025 and that number is likely to continue growing exponentially.

In this chapter, we'll explore the history and the secrets of Amish woodworking as well as the meaning behind their techniques.

The History of Amish Furniture

Amish furniture has its roots in two different styles dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. You can see examples of the styles from that era in folk art collections in museums across the country. By the beginning of the 20th century, a great deal of Amish furniture was made in the Shaker and Mission styles. These simple but elegant designs matched the skill sets of Amish craftsmen perfectly. The craftsmen learned and passed down their skills in small Amish communities across Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and built timeless, beautiful furniture built to last.

During much of that same period from the late 1800s through the 1920s, the Arts and Crafts movement developed in America. The movement was a direct reaction to the poor design quality and lower aesthetic value of mass-produced items offered by early factories. Americans craved creative designs and quality products, and it was only a matter of time before they would embrace Amish furniture's handcrafted quality and beauty.

By the 1920s, an appreciation for simple, beautiful, well-crafted furniture grew from the Arts and Crafts movement in America. The movement made Amish furniture a popular choice for furniture buyers throughout the country, and it continues to be a popular option today.

Our contemporary Amish furniture is made using the same techniques that artisans have been using and passing on for many generations. It's difficult to go wrong when choosing the traditional styles of handcrafted Amish furniture.



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Do Amish Craftsmen Use Power Tools?

As a whole, the Amish are not completely against technology – they are cautious about using it and consider how it will impact their values and beliefs. Using compressor-powered tools in woodworking has helped Amish craftsmen maintain their high standards of precision and quality, and it saves them valuable time.

Depending on the shop and the project, Amish craftsmen may use a mix of hand tools and power tools. For example, a rip cut, which is a cut in the same direction as the grain, may require a power tool, while a hand saw may suffice for a cut across the grain. Similarly, a hand auger may work for a small job, but a power drill may make sense for putting a hole in a larger piece of wood.

Everyone can conjure the image of an Amish family riding a horse-drawn buggy or of an Amish farmer tilling the fields with a horse-drawn plow. It’s relatively common knowledge that they don’t use electricity, as their religious beliefs lead them to keep their customs separated from much of modern society. Staying off the electric grid helps them do just that.

However, when food safety laws required them to refrigerate the milk they were selling from their small dairy operations, they began using refrigerators powered by air compressors and later gas-powered generators in some Amish homesteads. Solar is also a power method being adopted into select Amish communities. They saw how using these sources helped their community without affecting their beliefs. As a result, the Amish use that same power to run some small appliances in the home as well as some of the tools used in furniture making.



Do the Amish Use Nails or Screws?

Many Amish carpenters do not use nails or screws when building furniture, and if they do, it is not the main method of construction. Instead, Amish woodworkers often join wood together using different joinery techniques and non-toxic adhesive. Joinery, which is the making of wooden joints, is fundamental in carpentry. Joinery techniques were perfected hundreds of years ago, and haven't changed much since then.

Amish joinery techniques create sturdy solid wood furniture built to last for generations. Not using nails or screws also reduces the need for power tools.



Do the Amish Mark Their Furniture?

It is unlikely you will find Amish furniture that had been marked by the craftsman. The Amish value humility and community over individualism. They are aware of the danger of pride and therefore try not to call attention to themselves. In general, they prefer to avoid taking credit for their achievements.

Despite not having a marking, you can still identify Amish furniture. To identify Amish furniture, look for hand-finished solid wood pieces made with joinery techniques. Each piece of furniture is created from hand-selected hardwood from American forests. Amish furniture is also put together with great care and skill so you will not see loose pieces or glue seepage.



Is Amish Furniture Sustainable?

One of the more interesting facts about Amish furniture is that it's environmentally friendly. Here are some of the ways Amish furniture production maintains high conservation standards and a low carbon footprint:

Sustainable harvesting:

The lumber used in making Amish furniture is harvested sustainably, so there's no clear-cutting of large swaths of hardwood forests, leaving large areas to erode away before the continuous growth comes in. Trees are cut selectively when they're ready to be used for lumber.

American-made:

Because Amish furniture is made in America, there's no need to burn fossil fuels to carry it across the ocean on a cargo ship.

Less need for storage space:

The Amish make furniture per custom order, so there's no need to rent large warehouses for storage space. Nor is there a need to control the environment in those facilities.

Long-lasting:

Handcrafted Amish furniture lasts for years, so less material winds up in a landfill. Other furniture made from particle board or medium-density fiberboard (MDF) needs to be replaced often, and the resin used to make it will prevent it from biodegrading for a long time.

Low-Waste:

Most Amish shops use their scraps and measure their pieces precisely before making cuts to ensure each piece of wood is used as much as possible.

Non-toxic:

Amish furniture is made without toxic chemicals, so there is no off-gassing. Products made with particle board may off-gas some of the chemical components of resin or laminate, like formaldehyde, into your home.

Is Amish Furniture Really Amish?

While there are businesses out there that sell "Amish-style furniture," the majority of what you see on the market is genuine Amish-made furniture. In fact, many stores and designers in this industry are advocating for awareness of the authentic designs and craftsmanship that comes from Amish communities. That's why each piece of furniture we sell at AmishOutletStore.com is custom-made by skilled Amish crafters, brought to you from the heart of Ohio's Amish country. It's not a replica, or a cheap attempt at stealing someone else's designs. This is the real deal.

CHAPTER 2

Types of Wood Used in Furniture

Wood has long been a popular choice for furniture. Wood lends warmth and richness to a room like no other material and makes a home more comfortable and inviting. There are about 1,000 tree species in North America. However, some trees make better sources for wooden furniture than others.

Amish woodworkers carefully choose the type of wood they will work with to make a specific piece of furniture. They will not pick wood that is flawed or of low quality, and they only use solid wood. In this chapter, we'll look at the types of wood the Amish commonly use for furniture and why.

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What Type of Wood Is Best for Furniture?

Throughout history, people have prized wood for its natural qualities as furniture-making material. For example, a simple wooden bed may have been the earliest form of furniture in ancient Egypt.

All woods are composed of the same elements, but variations and differences in cellular structure make wood heavy or light, stiff or flexible. Many different types of wood, such as hardwoods and a few softwoods, make excellent choices for furniture. A few examples of popular hardwoods used in furniture include black cherry, black walnut, maple and oak. Softwoods like cedar or pine may also be used in furniture. All of these types of woods are found naturally in North America.

Choosing the best wood for furniture mainly depends on personal preference. Each type of wood offers unique qualities and variations of color and grain. So, for example, if you want a rustic coffee table for a log cabin, you might choose a table made of pine. If you want a Mission style coffee table for an Arts and Crafts bungalow, you might choose stained oak to match the color scheme. However, woodworkers also consider factors such as function, furniture-making techniques and availability when choosing wood for furniture.



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What Is the Most Durable Wood?

White oak is very strong and durable, and it was treasured for building ships, bridges, railroad crossties, fences and more. However, many types of woods are tough and ideal for furniture making such as walnut, cherry and hickory.

For example, walnut and cherry have historically been used in furniture and cabinets, whereas as hickory was often manufactured into durable tool handles. Wood, in general, is inherently strong and durable and outperforms many other materials. Wood is also pleasing to look at and can easily be enhanced with stains.

What Types of Wood Are Used in Amish Woodworking?

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1. Oak

Oak trees are found throughout the country and are categorized as white oak or red oak. Both red and white oak are popular choices for furniture, flooring, paneling, and trim. Oak is very strong, stiff and shock-resistant.

Red oak can be any shade from rich brown to cream with reddish grain. It can also be stained to a very light or dark color – whichever you prefer to match your style or decor. Amish woodworkers often use oak in furniture that gets heavy use such as kitchen chairs and tables. White oak is similar to red oak in that it is a hard, durable wood and perfect for functional furniture. White oak also fares well against water which is why it is often used for shipbuilding. Regarding color, white oak is not white but has a slight green undertone in its natural state. It is easily stained from light to dark colors and features a lovely tight, swirling grain.

2. Black Cherry

Black cherry grows mainly in the eastern United States. Cherry features a rich, reddish color with circular grains and a smooth texture. Cherry wood darkens as it ages due to sunlight exposure.

Woodworkers may prefer cherry over oak because it is easier to carve. Amish woodworkers value cherry for its resistance to warping and may use the wood to build bedroom or office furniture. A dark stain can enhance its natural hue and can be used to make a gorgeous bookcase or a warm, inviting bed.

3. Maple

Most maple used for furniture is grown in the eastern U.S. and southeast Canada. Maple wood is considered either hard or soft. Hard maple includes sugar and black maple, and soft maple is mainly silver and red maple. Overall, maple is a very popular wood for furniture making, cabinets, flooring and architectural details. Amish carpenters appreciate hard maple for its strength and high resistance to shock and abrasions. Also, it can be polished to a beautiful high shine. Soft maple is not as strong as hard maple but has an attractive, distinctive color and stains well. Soft maple ranges from pale brown to nearly white with brown streaks.

4. Black Walnut

A large portion of the eastern and central United States are covered in black walnut trees. Black walnut is commonly used to make gunstocks, kitchen cabinets and furniture. It's a hard, strong wood with good shock resistance. Woodworkers appreciate that walnut wood is easy to work with using machinery and hand tools. Walnut is typically a chocolate color and valued for attractive grain patterns.

5. Hickory

Most hickory trees can be found from Maine down to Texas. Hickory wood is mostly used in furniture, cabinetry, paneling and trim. It's a very strong, heavy, hard wood and highly shock resistant. Hickory wood may be more challenging to work with, but is worth the effort. Hickory features contrasting light and dark grain patterns for a dramatic look that really stands out with a stain. You'll find hickory in everything from Amish-built sofas to TV stands.

6. Cedar

Cedar is part of the coniferous family. It's a beautiful, aromatic softwood with a slightly reddish color and is suitable for a variety of furniture shapes. Because cedar naturally repels moths, it is often used for clothing storage as a chest or wardrobe.

Although cedar is classified as a softwood, it does not mean it is weaker than hardwoods. Amish woodworkers can construct durable pieces of furniture with cedar. Cedar is favored for its rustic charm, fragrance and natural beauty. Due to its ability to handle outdoor environments, cedar is also an excellent wood for outdoor furniture.

7. Pine

Eastern white pine, which grows from Newfoundland to northern Georgia, is commonly used in furniture. It's a moderately soft, light wood that is easy to work with and paint. With straight grains and dark knots, pine makes an attractive, distinct wood for rustic furniture. Our Amish woodworkers can make pine furniture that resembles the organic shape and texture of the tree.

If you're not sure how to choose the right wood for your Amish furniture, reach out to us. Contact us to learn more about the ideal wood for your furniture needs and style.

CHAPTER 3

Amish Carpentry Techniques

Amish woodworking is a highly skilled trade. The Amish pass down generations of knowledge to future woodworkers. The majority of Amish-owned businesses produce wood products such as furniture, gazebos and small barns. Many Amish men are involved in residential and commercial construction where they get to apply their building wisdom.

Regarding furniture, Amish woodworking involves a mix of simple design and fine artisan detail, and all furniture is built to last. In this chapter, we will explore the labor-intensive process of Amish woodworking, as well as common Amish carpentry tools and techniques.



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Amish Woodworking Tools

Opinions about using technology vary between Amish communities. In general, the Amish avoid using tools powered by standard electric grids. Electricity from public power lines is considered a modern convenience that threatens a tight-knit community or family structure.

Instead of plugging into the standard grid, Amish woodworkers may use pneumatic tools powered by air compressors or battery-operated tools. This allows them to serve their community by building high-quality pieces in a timely manner.

Standard vs Air-powered Tools

Overall, the Amish use standard woodworking tools, including both modern tools and traditional hand tools – they just power them in different ways. For example, they may use pneumatic tools such as:

Drill press: Used for drilling holes with precision

Band saw: Useful for making smooth cuts and cutting out irregular or curvy shapes

Sander: Used to create a smooth surface with sandpaper

Buffer: Used to polish and buff a surface to a shine



Those are just a few of the air-powered tools you may find in an Amish workshop. Amish craftsmen may also use traditional woodworking hand tools such as:

Hatchet: Used for striking and chopping wood

Saw: Used to cut wood

Plane: Used to trim and shave wood

Chisel: Used to cut, carve and shave wood

Hammer or mallet: Used to strike woodworking chisels

Awl: Used to cut markings or lines where a saw will cut the wood, or to pierce holes into wood



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1. Mortise and Tenon Joints

Mortise and tenon joints are traditional woodworking joints that have been around for thousands of years. It's one of the strongest woodworking joints and involves attaching two pieces of wood at a 90-degree angle. Simply said, a mortise and tenon joint works by inserting the end of one piece of wood into a hole in another piece of wood. This is done by cutting down a few inches at the end of one piece to form a narrower stub called the tenon. The woodworker will cut a slot into the other piece, called the mortise, to fit the tenon.

Although these are very secure joints, glue is used to secure the pieces. A woodworker may also use a wedge or pin to lock the pieces together. A highly skilled Amish woodworker might carve a mortise and tenon joint by hand, or they may use pneumatic tools to cut the joint and save time. Mortise and tenon joints are commonly used to join furniture legs.

2. Dovetail Joints

Dovetail joints are attractive “tail” and “pin” joints. You may have seen dovetail joints used in antique drawers or cabinets to hold the corners together. A dovetail joint looks like interlocking fingers and is a sign of excellent craftsmanship. Well-made dovetail joints are durable and long-lasting.

Dovetail joints require the skill of an experienced woodworker, especially if the joint is hand-cut. Dovetail joints are interlocking pieces of pins and tails that fit snugly together. The tail piece of wood consists of carved-out pin sockets and tails. The pin piece consists of carved-out tail sockets and pins. The two pieces interlock.

There are several variations of dovetail joints, but the two main ones are through dovetails and half-blind or single lap dovetails. You may find both types of dovetails used in a drawer in Amish furniture. These joints hold the drawer together to form sturdy, durable drawer sides.

3. Tongue and Groove Joints

Tongue and groove joints function the same as mortise and tenon joints. The difference is, tongue and groove joints are much longer than mortise and tenon joints. The tongue, which is the same as a tenon, is carved to fit perfectly into the groove of the other piece of wood. Tongue and groove joints are used when joining boards side-by-side lengthwise to make a sturdier connection. Many of the edges are glued together. This joint may be used to create a seamless flat surface or wider panel such as a tabletop or the vertical back of a piece of furniture.

The adhesive used to join pieces of wood together to make these joints — especially pieces of wood for kitchen and dining room items — is food grade and non-toxic. You should have no worries while preparing food on your Amish-made kitchen table or island. In fact, many cutting boards and butcher blocks are made using the same type of glue.

Besides joinery techniques, Amish craftsmen may use chisels to add fine details by hand. Finally, they will sand and finish the pieces by hand to create a smooth, polished surface which showcases the wood's grain patterns and beauty.

The skilled artistry, along with the carefully selected wood for each piece, will ensure that your Amish furniture is unique, beautiful and built to last for generations. A mass-produced piece of furniture won't have carefully chosen pieces of wood — if it even uses solid wood at all — and much of it won't have the same secure joinery as Amish furniture.

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Amish Furniture Woodworking Plans

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Rather than following strict woodworking plans, the Amish often construct furniture tailored to a customer's preference. A customer might have furniture custom-built regarding size, type of wood used and stain color. Also, the craftsman chooses each piece of wood when building a piece of furniture, inspecting them for flaws and looking at how the individual pieces will come together as a whole item. Artisans won't use wood with flaws for furniture.

While browsing through our selection of Amish furniture, many products may look similar, but in fact, they are all different. Wood grains can vary like fingerprints, so each item will be unique. You may think that a white oak piece that you're ordering is just like all the others, but the lumber can come from different trees with variations in the grain. Each piece is selected for its overall quality and for how it will look as part of the whole.



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How Much Is Amish Furniture?

Naturally, the high quality and excellent craftsmanship of Amish furniture are going to lead to a slightly higher price point when you compare it with mass-produced furniture. However, Amish-made furniture is heirloom quality. You won't have to replace any of these pieces of furniture, and you can even pass the savings on to future generations when your furniture lasts for more than a lifetime.

What about custom-made furniture?

There are many custom builders out there with large and small operations, and many of them will use the same types of joinery as an Amish craftsman. They may even make similar Mission or Shaker style products. They may be just as selective when it comes to choosing the right piece of wood, and the quality of work done by other custom builders may even be comparable to that of an experienced Amish craftsman.

However, many custom furniture builders have much higher overhead because of the constant use of electricity and the limited use of hand tools. They may be paying for the lease on the workshop property, as well. High-end power tools can be costly, and they may have been purchased with credit. Amish craftsmen don't have to worry about any of that.

Also, many custom builders are looking to make something new and distinct in its general appearance, rather than something unique in the details and timeless in its appearance. That trademark look is what gives a general craftsman his name. On the other hand, Amish furniture gives you a timeless style and unparalleled quality in an affordable package.

Why Many Find Amish Furniture Worth the Price

Another factor that helps makes Amish furniture more affordable is that the proceeds go to craftsmen to support their families and their communities. The proceeds aren't going to profit a large, impersonal, multinational corporation, and they definitely aren't going to pay for a workshop with a high overhead, either. An Amish workshop is simple and self-sustaining.

Lastly, consider the cost of shipping. Because Amish furniture is made in the United States, from American hardwoods, there's no need to factor in international shipping costs. On the contrary, international shipping costs may be part of the equation for a great deal of mass-produced furniture that's available on the market.

CHAPTER 4

Types of Amish Furniture

To envision the Amish furniture style, you might think of Amish values first. The Amish value humility, community and working in harmony with nature. As you might imagine, the style of Amish furniture reflects these beliefs. In other words, you will not find anything flashy or trendy in an Amish furniture workshop.

Generally, Amish furniture is about functionality, simplicity, durability and natural beauty. Because Amish furniture is made of natural, neutral-toned woods, these pieces look great in any home and with any decor. Amish furniture never goes out of style and makes any house feel like home no matter what the current fashion is.

Nevertheless, that does not mean that every piece of Amish-made furniture looks exactly the same. As mentioned in the previous chapter, Amish furniture is made to order. If you wish to use a specific wood or stain, an Amish craftsman can customize a piece to suit your needs. In this chapter, we'll look at the main styles of Amish furniture and how you can mix traditional style with non-traditional style in your home.

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What Is Amish Style Furniture?

Amish furniture has a traditional style, meaning the furniture is uncomplicated, easy on the eyes, cozy, functional and timeless. Amish furniture in the 18th and 19th centuries had a folk style and reflected sturdy basic design made from locally available materials. By the early 20th century, a lot of Amish furniture was built in Shaker and Mission styles. The Arts and Crafts movement increased the popularity of Amish furniture.

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Although Amish furniture suits a country cottage or log cabin perfectly, it is not limited to these types of homes. Amish furniture can add contrast and balance to modern or contemporary styles as well as bring a hint of the outdoors inside. When mixed with modern interiors, a homeowner can create a visually interesting and comfortable space.



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What Does Mission Style Furniture Mean?

Mission style furniture was popular in the United States as a result of the Arts and Crafts movement. The Arts and Crafts movement began in England during the 19th century. This style was also known as Mission style in the United States. It served as a the response to the Victorian era and industrialization.

During the Arts and Crafts movement, many designers wanted their furniture to reflect societal ideals. They did not want the furniture to be the product of harsh factory conditions where indistinct pieces were mass-produced. Furniture designers also wanted to focus on craftsmanship and skill. Reformers saw the Arts and Crafts movement as a way to revive craftsmanship when many manufactured goods were poorly designed and of low quality. Ultimately, the goal of the movement was to allow craftsmen to create beautiful, functional pieces to benefit the lives of ordinary people while supporting decent employment for skilled artisans.

In England, the Arts and Crafts style pulled inspiration from medieval European, Islamic and Japanese designs. Much of the objects created during the movement were rectilinear and angular with stylized motifs.

The Affects of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the US

In the United States, designers wanted to serve consumers who wanted affordable yet attractive furniture. Designers created sturdy, functional, simpler designs which became popular furnishings during the late 19th century and early 20th century.

Mission style furniture was a term used to describe American Arts and Crafts style furniture, specifically furniture which reflected the influence of the American Southwest. Mission style blended elements of Spanish architecture and Native American design. Typically, Mission style furniture was made out of oak with a stained finish and visible carpentry. This style of furniture involved little use of decorative details and instead focused on showcasing expert craftsmanship. Much of our Amish-made furniture captures the spirit of the Arts and Crafts movement, celebrating fine craftsmanship and quality over mass production.



What Is Shaker Style Furniture?

The Shakers, also known as the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, came to America from England in 1774. The Shakers were mostly self-sufficient and constructed their own furniture. Similar to the Amish, they valued honesty, utility, simplicity and hard work, and expressed these values in furniture and crafts.

The Shakers rejected excessive ornamentation because it promoted the sin of pride. Therefore, their furniture features minimalist design and may include asymmetrical drawers to add interest without too much decoration. Also, most pieces were painted or stained to protect the wood and add an aesthetic element. Popular colors were blues, greens, reds and yellows. They used local American woods like pine, maple and cherry, and wooden knobs instead of imported brass pulls. The result is beautifully organic, uncomplicated furniture that blends in with any style. You could just as easily place an abstract sculpture atop a Shaker style end table as a piece of folk art.





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Can You Mix Traditional Wood Furniture With Nontraditional Furniture?

Mixing traditional style furniture with modern or nontraditional furniture is a great way to develop your unique personal style. It's also a way to make a room more interesting, soothing and comfortable. The key is to create a balance by choosing one dominating style. So, for example, if you have a room with mostly traditional furniture, you might add a piece or two of nontraditional furniture, or vice versa. Imagine a dining room with a traditional table and a modern light fixture.

You might aim to create harmony for a relaxing, easy-on-the-eyes environment, or contrast for an interesting, stimulating environment. If you want to create harmony, choose pieces that share common elements, like colors or wood types. To create contrast, place different colors and textures side by side. Don't be afraid to mix wood tones by uniting pieces with accessories or rugs.

Sometimes it helps to look at images for inspiration and to envision how a room will look with a specific piece of furniture. Browse our selection of Amish furniture to find the perfect piece for a nontraditional or traditional room.

CHAPTER 5

Amish Furniture Delivery Process

If you're excited to order custom Amish-made furniture, you're probably wondering what the delivery process entails. Unlike mass-produced furniture, each piece of Amish furniture is made-to-order. This means the delivery process is a little different. In this last chapter, we'll show you what to expect with a furniture delivery from our store.

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How Long Does a Furniture Delivery Take?

Because we partner with Amish craftsmen, it may take 3-6 months for your furniture to be built. Custom pieces may take longer. Once a piece is complete, it takes about two to three weeks for delivery.



How Do You Measure for a Furniture Delivery?

It's important to measure the space for your new furniture so you can enjoy it the moment it arrives. You can also use these measurements to determine the height, width and length of a custom-build. To prepare for your Amish furniture delivery, follow these tips:

- Make sure to measure points of entry first.
- Measure doorways and hallways your furniture has to pass through.
- Consider any corners you might have to turn with the furniture.
- Take note of any light fixtures or wall hangings that may get in the way.

Furniture should be at least 4 inches less than the passageway measurements so you or the delivery team have enough room to move the furniture easily.

If you see a piece on our site that you wish to have but does not meet your measurement needs, our builders can customize most of their pieces if you need to make changes. If you have any question about the dimensions of your furniture, please contact one of our representatives.

More About Our Amish Furniture Delivery Process

Here are a few more facts about the furniture delivery process at AmishOutletStore.com. You can rest assured that each piece is delivered with as much care as the craftsman put into building the furniture:

- Amish builders in Ohio and Indiana make all of our furniture.
- Professional furniture delivery companies deliver our furniture.
- All furniture is delivered blanket-wrapped to keep it protected.

Also, shipping is quoted as standard residential curbside delivery for \$249 per invoice to most areas. With curbside delivery, one driver will deliver the furniture, and you will unload the furniture and move it into your home. If you choose this option, make sure to have help available on the day of delivery. Additional shipping charges may apply if in a remote area or ferry service is required.

You could also opt for White Glove in-home delivery for an additional \$199 charge. Movers will carry the furniture into your home for you and place the furniture where you wish. They will also set up any items for you except for a baby crib, which comes with instructions or items that must be mounted to a wall such as Murphy beds. Beds and tables will require some assembly if you choose curbside delivery. All other pieces of furniture arrive fully assembled.

If you have any questions about our delivery process, please reach out to us. We are happy to answer your questions about shipping, assembly, moving the furniture and more. We are also glad to provide quotes for both furniture and shipping costs, so you know exactly what to expect and can plan accordingly. Once your new Amish furniture arrives, it will not be long before you can enjoy the furniture and the natural charm it brings to your home.

Shop Amish Furniture Today

Amish-made furniture is built with skill, pride and generations of carpentry knowledge. When you welcome a piece of custom Amish furniture into your home, you fill a space with organic beauty and art that reflects hours of care and consideration. Unlike factory-made furniture, each piece of Amish furniture adds something unique and personal to your home to be enjoyed by friends, family and guests for many years. You might even pass the furniture down to keep craftsmanship alive for future generations.

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We hope this guide educated you about the process of solid wood furniture making and why the Amish continue to embrace this craft. At AmishOutletStore.com, we are proud to offer quality, handmade Amish furniture for almost every room in the home. From bedroom sets to weather-resistant outdoor furniture, all of our pieces are carefully constructed with the Amish values of hard work and honesty. Fill your home with traditional Amish treasures and browse our furniture today!



Thank you for downloading our How Amish Furniture Is Made guide. For those who live outside of the Amish community, Amish woodworking may seem like a mystery. Most people know that the Amish do not use electricity. So, how do they build such stunning pieces of furniture? In this guide, we answer common questions about Amish furniture making such as:

- How solid wood furniture is made
- How the Amish build furniture
- What kind of wood the Amish use
- Types of Amish carpentry techniques
- Types of Amish furniture styles
- Where to buy custom Amish made furniture.

Solid wood Amish furniture makes a gorgeous addition to any home. If you're ready to learn more about Amish furniture, keep reading, explore our blog or **contact us at AmishOutletStore.com today!**

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