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FURNITURE QUALITY CHECKLIST

- Does the piece feel solid and sturdy?
- Is it made of solid wood? Check the underside or a hidden area to see if it looks like wood or particle board.
- Is the hardware solid metal?
- Is the back finished as beautifully as the front?
- Are drawers dovetailed at the corners? Dovetails look like angles in the wood that fit together like a puzzle.
- Do doors and drawers open and close smoothly without catching or gaps?
- Are panels free of warping?
- Are chairs secured with pegs at the joints? Avoid glued joints.
- Does the grain match or flow in a rhythmic pattern?
- Is the finish even and clear?
- Is the piece free of ink-stamped markings that are often a sign of mass production?
- Are cushions supported by springs or another sturdy suspension mechanism? Avoid flimsy foam, but also be aware that upholstery can be redone and improved.

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