

Sit On This!

Choosing a living room or occasional chair.



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Obviously comfort and style go without saying...
but how do you know it's going to work in your room and with your sofa?

1. Details! Overcome the need to match to your sofa. It's a much better idea to complement your sofa with a coordinating fabric and style. This is a great opportunity to bring a pop of color, pattern, or texture to the room. Details are important here, so think of using nailhead trim, tufting, or an accent color to add interest to the room.

2. Proportions! Make sure the chair won't feel too small next to your sofa. Measure the height of the seat from the floor and the width of the seat arms of your sofa and check the proportions against the chair you are considering. Arm height and seat height of the chair should be similar. Again, they don't have to match exactly, but should be in the ballpark.

3. Style! Consider the environment of the room you are creating. Choose a style from the era of your existing furniture or if you are trying to change your style, say

from traditional to contemporary, choose a more "transitional" style that can bridge the gap.

4. Options! For a more traditional look, upholstered wing-back chairs are one option. Casual living? Look for pieces that are meant for lounging. Consider a chair with an ottoman for extra comfort. These photos show more transitional pieces, a look which can be taken in many directions.

We love living room and occasional chairs for their versatility and ability to make any space in a house come to life. As interior designers, we love to mix our styles, and you can do the same in your own home. Don't be afraid to mix it up! The most important element in any design is that you love the pieces you have chosen. If you love it, you can make it work.