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## Customizable Beds with Harden

A tradition of excellence is the defining feature of Harden Furniture. From beginning to end, consideration is given to ensuring that Harden not only meets, but also exceeds, the expectations of the end consumer.

By using native hardwoods and specially formulated finishes, they offer a design palette that allows you to create the mood and ambience you desire.

Harden has taken yet another step towards excellence with their new Custom Bed Program. No detail has been spared in selecting various post design details.

For the Traditional Custom Bed Program, two new headboards have been introduced, one with a scroll motif and one with a shaped panel.

They also revamped the pineapple post option, and added three more posts including a thistle, fluted and high turned post.

In the Designer Bed Program, they are stepping out with a new molded headboard in a French motif with dramatic new posts including a bobbin, rice and plantation turned post.



Just ask our friendly, knowledgeable and experienced design staff for a helping hand in creating a bed that truly fits your style.

# 2009 Market Introductions



Since 1930, Butler Specialty Company has furnished America's homes with fine lines of occasional and accent furniture.

Butler uses only the finest quality woods, veneers and hand-carved craftsmanship in its collections. Butler fuses enduring design, exquisite carving and carefully selected solid mahogany into a classic line of home accents.

Take the time to browse through the bombe chests, hand-painted consoles, distinctive secretaries and decorative tables at Lea Matthews!



Creating a one-of-a-kind look with Lillian August upholstery has never been easier. The joining of Lillian's style with Hickory White's artisan craftsmanship and attention to detail is a powerful combination. The Lillian August legacy continues with hallmark signature quality details including hand-tufted and buttoned backs, dramatic leg profiles, deeply pleated skirts, nail head trim and over 33 finishes, and a vast array of today's most exceptional designer fabrics.



Oriental Accent, Inc. is the single largest source for fine hand-painted porcelains in a vast array of both casual and sophisticated designs and textures, fine hand-painted and handcrafted furniture, lighting and accessories.



Now you can integrate your iPods into your home theater systems! Thanks to iPod docking stations built into four new entertainment units introduced by Hooker Furniture. The docking stations are located on the surface of the entertainment consoles, in a convenient location to hook up with the sound system in doors below.



The docking stations are available on two of Hooker's wall units, including Kingston, a casual transitional console and hutch and wall units in bamboo veneers and hardwood solids with a two tone color palette of black and brown.



## Upholstered Headboards: Sam Moore

One popular look today is borrowed from the "Hollywood" style, which features upholstered headboards. This style goes back to the '30s and offers a rich and decadent look that can also be very comfortable.

Sam Moore boasts headboard styles that can be simple with relaxed, flowing curves or ornate with glamorous arches and jutting edges.

The possibilities are endless with Sam Moore and their vast array of fabric options and choices. Open up your sense of creativity to exhilarating options such as button and channel tufting, nailhead trim, luxurious leathers or beaded trims.

One could not deny that they feel both chic and comfortable with an upholstered headboard from Sam Moore at Lea Matthews Furniture and Interiors.



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## Fashion Underfoot

The ideal rug can become the inspiration and foundation of an entire room design, and Surya's collections have always been on the forefront of what is new and upcoming in floor accents.

With rugs crafted from a variety of different methods including; machine made, hand tufted, hand hooked, hand woven and hand knotted, and representing every

style from traditional to contemporary, Surya truly has something for everyone.

They have taken their line a step further and are offering an array of unique home accessories to coordinate with their area rugs.

Surya's home accessory collections include an assortment of accent pillows, throws, accent

lighting and wall art.

Surya Rugs has spared no expense nor overlooked any details in the research and development of their premiere coordinating accessory line.

Together we can combine our visions for the space and before you know it, the fashion of your room will begin to appear right beneath your feet!



# Speaking The Language of Leather:

## Selecting The Leather That Is Right For You

Leather is one of the most desirable types of upholstery today. Nothing compares to genuine leather. At Bradington-Young, they understand your desire to make informed decisions about seating for your home that will suit your lifestyle. Here are some key definitions that will help you speak the language of leather and make the right choice.

**Top-Grain Leather:** Cowhides are thick enough to be split into two or three layers of leather. The uppermost layer, or top grain, is the most desirable. The lower layers, or splits, are used to make corrected leathers and suedes. Virtually all of the hides used by Bradington-Young are the highest quality top-grain leathers. Top-grain leathers exhibit natural markings and reflect the essence of leather in its natural, unaltered and unprocessed state. Natural shade and grain variations should be expected in all top-grain leathers. Bradington-Young offers a vast selection of styles and colors with over 250 leathers from which to choose. In its cover plant in Cherryville, N.C., Bradington-Young houses an enormous amount of leather inventory. Their company wants to give you the widest possible selection of leathers and the fastest possible delivery. You can expect most custom orders in six to eight weeks.

**Leather Types:** Bradington-Young offers three main types of leathers. Our leather selection includes: aniline leathers, finished leathers and Nu-Buk leathers. Within the category of finished leathers, they include some semi-aniline leathers with a protective topcoat. And within the aniline category, we include some "pull-up" leathers, a style of leather with a wax or oil-based color applied after finishing.



**Pure Aniline Leather:** These leathers come from the finest selection of hides and generally are the most expensive, pristine and least processed. Aniline dyes permeate the hide completely and add transparent color but offer no protection from fading or staining. Pure aniline leathers are a good choice if you strive for the finer things in life and appreciate rare, natural beauty. Pure aniline appeals to the senses and offers a sensational, soft hand. Each pure aniline hide has its own natural characteristics such as color shading, scars and even brandings, making each hide unique. While pure aniline leather is buttery soft and will age beautifully, it may not be the best choice for an active family room because of its lack of stain protection. Within the category of anilines, we offer some pull-up leathers. This is a style of leather that has a wax or oil-based color applied after finishing. Where it is pulled, the color is lighter. It makes for a mottled, aged appearance, somewhat like a bomber jacket. Pull-up leathers also offer outstanding durability.

**Finished Leathers:** Finished leathers are a good choice if you expect the most out of life and demand high performance from the products you own. Finished leathers have outstanding durability and are great for energetic families. With finished leathers, the color is more uniform throughout the hide and the hand may be less soft than with aniline leathers. Finished leathers account for the majority of leather sold today, and offer value pricing.

Within the finished category, we offer some semi-aniline leathers, top-grain leathers that offer the best of both worlds. They have the soft buttery feel and quality of pure anilines, but the addition of protection and clean ability. Semi-aniline leathers have the protection of a clear sealant topcoat. As with pure anilines, you might see scars or even branding marks, as well as color variations.

**Nu-Buk Leathers:** Nu-buk is a pure aniline, top-grain leather that has been buffed for softness to produce a very fine nap. It is more beautiful, durable and much softer than suede. Shade, grain and color variations should be expected throughout the hide. Nu-buk is a good choice if you want to make a fashion statement and enjoy luxurious textures with a sensuous appearance.