

the home green sofa buying guide

Shopping for a new sofa is hard enough, when you add trying to find responsible choices to the list, it can get overwhelming. Don't worry, we've done the research so you don't have to! Below, we break down the key parts of most sofas and share the certifications and attributes you'll want to seek out.

THE HOME GREEN	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FRAME	FSC CERTIFICATION SFI CERTIFICATION RECYCLED STEEL	FSC and SFI certify the wood is responsibly sourced Avoid particleboard and fiberboard as they are less strong and much heavier
CUSHION	PLANT BASED LATEX FOAM ORGANIC COTTON OR WOOL CERTIPUR-US® FOAM OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 FOAM	Plant-based latex foam is renewable and biodegradable CertiPUR-US® and OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 foams may be petroleum-based but have passed safety tests
FABRIC	RECYCLED FABRIC NATURAL FIBERS (COTTON, HEMP, LINEN) OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 GREENGUARD GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD (GOTS)	OEKO-TEX® 100 and GREENGUARD are both certifications that an item (in this case fabric) meets an air quality standard considered safe for your home. GOTS certifies that fabric meets a standard to be considered organic.
FLEXIBILITY	REPLACEMENT PARTS AVAILABLE SLIPCOVER OPTION MODULAR/RECONFIGURABLE	Quality and durability are one of the most important factors in a sustainable sofa, but are hard to measure. Replacement parts, slipcovers and reconfigurable options enable a sofa to be used well into the future.
CIRCULARITY	BUY BACK PROGRAM RESALE PROGRAM	Finding a manufacturer who will buy back its products is rare but there are a few!
LABOR	FAIR TRADE USA™ FAIRTRADE AMERICA	Look for Fair Trade USA™ or Fairtrade America certification or inquire about documented labor practices.
MANUFACTURING	RENEWABLE ENERGY USE WASTE REDUCTION MEASUREMENT	Sustainability starts where your sofa is made. Inquire about the practices and policies at the factory-level.
TRANSIT FOOTPRINT	LOCALLY MADE/MADE IN YOUR COUNTRY RECYCLABLE PACKAGING	The closer a piece of furniture is to you, the better chance it has of having a lower carbon footprint to get to you. Find out where your sofa will be coming from.
CORPORATE STEWARDSHIP	B CORP CERTIFIED	Certified B Corps must meet a variety of sustainability and good business practices and is a good clue that your sofa is coming from a responsible source.

our favorite green sofa makers

Below we've listed some of the sofa brands that hit on the important elements of sustainability highlighted on page 1 of this guide. We hope this helps you find one that meets your needs.

THE HOME GREEN	Burrow	Green Row	Inside Weather	Medley	Room & Board	Sabai	Savvy Rest
FRAME		X	X	X	X	X	X
CUSHION	X	X		X	X		X
FABRIC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FLEXIBILITY	X		X			X	
CIRCULARITY			X	X		X	
LABOR		FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED™					
MANUFACTURING			all sofas made to spec to reduce waste		renewable energy & waste reduction goals		
MANUFACTURING LOCATION	VIETNAM, POLAND, INDIA, AND NC,US	INDONESIA	CA, US	CA, US	90% US	NC, US	VA, US
CORPORATE STEWARDSHIP		X			B CORP	B CORP	B CORP
PRICE RANGE (3 SEAT SOFA)	\$1399 - 3699	\$3799 - 8199	\$3743 - 6474	\$2428 - 4009	\$1299 - 7048	\$1313 - 2291	\$3799 - 4099

Price range information was based on non-sale price seen online 7/24 for a sofa at least 70" in length