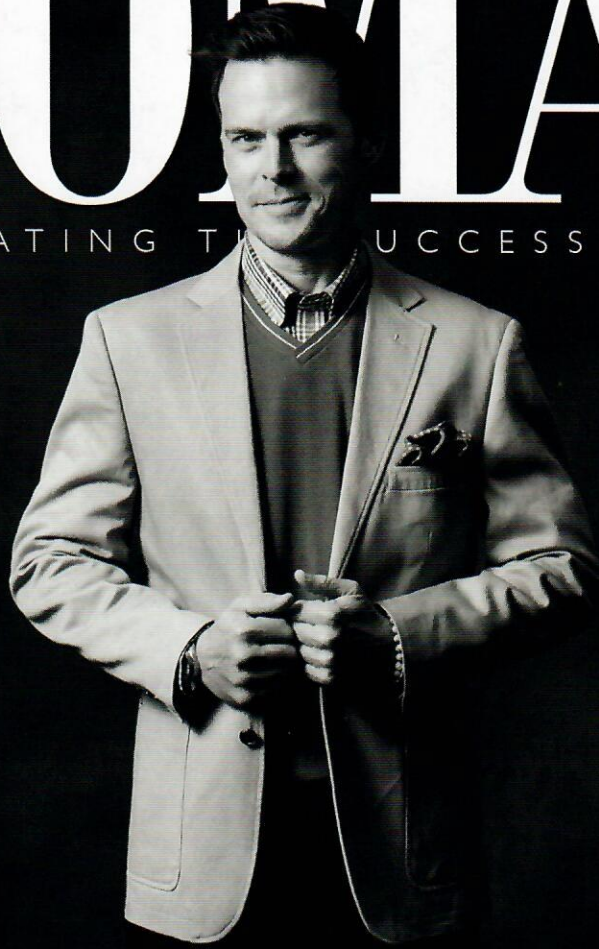


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# How should a sofa fit?

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## I HAVE THE BEST HUSBAND.

He's kind, funny, generous—and very handsome! When we married, he came with all the typically manly items: a glass and travertine coffee table, a TV, a bottle of good Scotch, golf clubs, and a long saddleback leather sofa. Sound familiar?



We were young and just getting started, so that sofa stayed with us for quite a few years. Thank goodness he'd bought one well-made and covered in a high-grade leather.

For his new sofa he has the following checklist: Comfortable and long enough to lie down on. Give him leather, and I earn bonus points!



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*just a tip:*  
This furniture is a sofa, not a couch because in the interior design world, a couch is a fainting couch or chaise. So not appropriate for our guys!

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## HERE IS MY CHECKLIST:

- 1 **Outside Width = 105"** maximum for our space
  - ▶ I measured the space to understand what size sofa would fit properly, leaving room for side tables, a chair, and an ottoman coffee table. Before you go shopping, measure your own space.
- 2 **Inside Width = 78"** between arms
  - ▶ How tall is the husband? Mine is 75" tall. He likes to throw his arms over his head when he naps, so add 5".
- 3 **Sofa Arms**
  - ▶ The measurements above help me decide what kind of arms I can choose for this sofa. If I subtract the inside width of 78" from the outside width of 105", each arm can be maximum of 13.5-inches wide. The slim, tuxedo arms range from 6 to 12". The wider arms, such as scrolled or rolled arms, take up more space, but can be low enough for a headrest. Check the arm and seat height prior to counting on this advantage.
- 4 **Back Style**
  - ▶ This overall height is usually 36 inches. You may go higher with tall ceilings. I like boxed cushions. I will not choose saddleback.
- 5 **Number of Cushions**
  - ▶ Three cushions typically work on a sofa

7 feet or longer: It allows you to move them around and allows three people to share the sofa comfortably.

### 6 **Cushion Depth**

▶ Typically, 19 inches is standard; but my husband is tall so I chose a deeper sofa. I look like Edith Ann in it, but it's not meant for me. I just curl up and yell, "Roll Tide!"

### 7 **Nail Head**

▶ Yes, but note there are many choices. Have fun—and more is not always better.

### 8 **Construction**

▶ The best sofas have springs that are 8-way, hand tied inside a hardwood frame. While you can buy sofas at any price point, you get what you pay for.

### 9 **Leather**

▶ If the salesman says grade of leather doesn't matter, turn and leave. The better the leather, the better the feel, look, and durability. As it is a natural product, it may take dye differently and have variations or scars. Do your homework to decide what works best for you.



### 10 **Don't forget the door!**

▶ Check overall dimensions to ensure the sofa will fit through your door and up or down the stairs.