

Lounge Seating

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Plan Groupings, Not Individual Pieces

A single sofa without context looks abandoned. Two chairs + sofa + coffee table creates a seating area. Always think in groupings when specifying lounge seating.

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Leave 18" Circulation on All Sides

Lounge seating areas get cut off from circulation when placed too close to walls or traffic paths. 18" minimum on all sides — more if possible — keeps the area accessible without feeling cramped.

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Mid-Tone Colors Hide Daily Soil Best

Light fabrics look great when new and terrible after six months of heavy use. Charcoal, deep navy, warm gray, and taupe in textured fabrics hide the wear that high-traffic waiting areas accumulate.

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Match Seat Height to Your Users

Lounge seating under 14" seat height is uncomfortable for older users, larger users, and anyone who needs to get up frequently. 16"–18" is the practical sweet spot for most commercial applications.

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Commercial Foam Doesn't Flatten

High-density commercial foam retains its shape after years of heavy use. Residential foam bottoms out in 12–18 months under commercial conditions. The difference isn't visible at purchase — it's visible in year two.

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Reception Seating Is Brand Impression

The first physical touchpoint many clients have with your business is the waiting area seating. It communicates quality expectations, culture, and investment. Budget accordingly for client-facing lounge areas.

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Add Side Tables to Every Chair Position

Lounge chairs without a nearby table surface are less functional. Users have nowhere to put materials, devices, or drinks. Side tables are inexpensive additions that make lounge seating noticeably more useful.

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Test Foam Density Before Ordering

Request a sample cushion if you're ordering a significant quantity. Sit on it for 10 minutes. Commercial foam should feel supportive but not stiff. Foam that compresses significantly in a short test will bottom out quickly in daily use.

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Plan for Cleaning Frequency

High-traffic reception sofas should be vacuumed weekly and spot-treated immediately on spills. Choose fabrics with clear cleaning codes (W or WS) and make sure your maintenance team knows the appropriate method.

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Modular Sectionals Allow Future Reconfiguration

Modular lounge seating can be reconfigured as space needs change. A sofa + chaise bought as a sectional can be rearranged to an L, a U, or individual pieces. Worth the small premium if your floor plan might evolve.