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Fort Lauderdale Bed Bath & Beyond Will Merchandise Furniture From the Company Web Site in a New Cafe

Bed Bath & Beyond sells reproductions of famous furniture that staff did not know about. An example includes the Modway Wood Presidential Dining Chair that is a replica of a chair designed by Danish furniture designer Hans Wegner

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (today’s date) - The staff at Fort Lauderdale’s Bed Bath & Beyond were surprised to learn that the company Web site contains reproductions of famous furniture pieces that cost thousands of dollars. Replicas of famous designs are called reproductions that cost much less. The Hans Wegner Presidential chair became famous when it appeared in the televised debate between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy in 1960. An original version of the chair costs about $5,000. The reproduction costs $226.

To merchandise the furniture items, the store will create a small cafe using famous chairs and tables for customer seating. Other examples include:

Wing Back Chair
A Queen Anne Wing Back Chair with Cabriole legs costs more than $25,000. Cabriole legs are carved animal paws—usually a lion. The design is associated with ancient China, ancient Greece as well as Queen Anne and Chippendale furniture in 18th century Europe. The reproduction costs $1,048.99

Chess Sets
Historians believe chess originated in India before the 6th Century. Twelfth century ivory chess pieces were discovered in 1831 on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, Scotland. Sets sold at Bed Bath & Beyond start at $22.

Windsor Chairs
Windsor chairs were introduced in 18th century England and America. There are two different designs. The earliest Windsors were comb-back chairs with spindles connected to a yolk. Later, steam bending produced the bow version. Antique original Windsor Chairs from America cost about $1,195. Windsor Chairs sold at Bed Bath & Beyond start at $124.25.

Ladderback Chairs
Ladderback chairs date back to the Medieval Period (5th to 15th century). The Carolina Chair & Table Company, Antique Whitman Chair is a ladderback chair. This reproduction costs $113.99.
Roman Curule Seat
The Bassett Mirror Company Camryn Living Room Cocktail Table with X-Shaped Legs is inspired by the Roman Curule seat that was a symbol of political or military power in ancient Rome. The curule chair has curved legs forming a wide X with no back. The chair was meant to be uncomfortable to sit on for long periods of time because officials were expected to carry out their public functions in an efficient and timely manner. This reproduction costs $350.00.

Mission Chair
Mission style furniture was introduced in America during the British Arts and Crafts Furniture Era. The chair is named after a California designer named A.J. Forbes who created the design for San Francisco’s Swedenborgian Church that was built in the city’s affluent Pacific Heights neighborhood in 1895. A folding version costs $49.99.

Chippendale Chair
Thomas Chippendale was a famous cabinet-maker in London, designing furniture in the mid-Georgian, English Rococo, and Neoclassical Eras. A set of two folding versions costs $130.99.

Tables in the cafe will hold 7 X 5 inch or 8 X 10 inch sell sheets in acrylic frames providing background information about the famous furniture.

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