Walmart’s Famous Furniture Reproductions
Welcome

• **First Half: History of Furniture**  
  *Period Living Magazine* has published a list of traditional furniture eras (next slide). An Ancient Era and Early 20th Century eras have been added.

• **Second Half: Power Rank Walmart Furniture**  
  Replicas of famous furniture designs are called reproductions. Participants will be asked to rank reproductions with a score from 1 to 10.
History: Furniture Eras

- **Ancient** - China, Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome
- **Medieval** - 15th Century
  - Tudor - 16th Century *(not covered)*
  - Stuart - 17th Century *(not covered)*
- **Early Georgian** - early 18th Century
- **Georgian** - mid to late 18th Century
- **Regency** - early 19th Century
- **Victorian** - 19th Century
- **Arts and Crafts Movement** - early 20th Century
- **Mid-Century Modern** - mid 20th Century
History: Furniture Eras

• Archaeological research indicates that furniture is approximately 30,000 years old

• Almost half of traditional and about ninety percent of modern furniture design can be traced to ancient China, Egypt, Greece, or Rome
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Bergère chair, Erica Barry’s bedroom (Diane Keaton) *Something’s Gotta Give*, 2003
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- Ancient Egypt - Tutankhamun’s Tomb, Cabriole Leg with carved lion’s paws

Influenced ancient Chinese, Greeks and Thomas Chippendale (1718 – 1779)

Left to Right: Cabriole leg and lion’s paw, Child's Chair, found in King Tut’s Tomb, carved lion’s paw and Chippendale ball and claw foot
History: Furniture Eras

- **Ancient Egypt** - *Tutankhamun’s Tomb, Bronze Hinges*

Influenced 18th Century furniture design

Left to Right: Hinged Box Decorated with Tyet and Djed Signs found in King Tut’s Tomb, Maple William & Mary (1700 to 1725, Netherlands, the Kingdom of England, the Kingdom of Scotland, and later, in England’s American colonies) Gateleg, Drop-Leaf Table
History: Furniture Eras

- Ancient Egypt - Tutankhamun’s Tomb, Round Tinon and Mortise Joint

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A mortise and tenon joint is one in which the rectangular end (the tenon) of one piece fits into a rectangular hole (the mortise) of the same size, in the other piece.
History: Furniture Eras

- Ancient Egypt - Tutankhamun’s Tomb, Round Tinon and Mortise Joint, **Greek Klismos Chair**

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The Greek Klismos chair is mentioned in Homer’s Iliad which was written in the 8th Century B.C. It’s also frequently seen in illustrations on pottery.
History: Furniture Eras

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(Wikipedia) Two pairs of bronze legs, belonging to sellae curules, preserved in the museum at Naples (Museo Borbonico, vol. vi. tav. 28); and a sella curulis, copied from the Vatican collection.

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe’s and Lilly Reich’s Barcelona Chair and 18” Director’s Chair with Natural Frame and Canvas from Walmart, $47.99
History: Furniture Eras

- Ancient Egypt - Tutankhamun’s Tomb, Round Tinon and Mortise Joint, Roman Curule Chair, Barcelona Chair

Barcelona Chair in a scene from *Casino Royale* with actors Daniel Craig and Judi Dench.
History: Furniture Eras

- **Ancient China - Yolk-Back Chair**

Inspired the (inverted) Eleanor Napoleon Yolk-Back Chair

Chinese Yellow Rosewood Yoke-Back Armchair Set by Golden Lotus available from Houzz for $14,625.00

Modern Eleanor Napoleon Back Wood Dining Chair
History: Furniture Eras

• **Ladderback Chair, Medieval Europe**

Ladderback chairs date back to the Medieval Period (5th to the 15th century).

Antique ladderback chairs with rush seat
History: Furniture Eras

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History: Furniture Eras

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  Bow-Back Windsor Chairs in the Vermont bed and breakfast owned by television’s Dick Loudon (Bob Newhart) in the series *Newhart* (October 25, 1982 to May 21, 1990)
History: Furniture Eras

• Italy, 19th Century, **Chiavari Chair**

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A gathering at the home of Madame Brisson, 1893 by Marcel André Bashet from *Chairs: A History* by Florence De Dampierre
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Chiavari chairs at the reception of Jacqueline Lee Kennedy Onassis and John Fitzgerald Kennedy, September 12, 1953.
History: Furniture Eras

- Ancient Egypt - Queen Hetepheres chair

Influenced Florence Knoll’s Mid-Century Modern Chair
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- Ancient Egypt - Sconce

Drawing of an Egyptian sconce.

Modern wall sconce
History: Furniture Eras

• Ancient Egypt - **Sconce**

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Polished brass sconces in Erica Barry’s (Diane Keaton) guest bedroom where Harry Sanborn (Jack Nicholson) stayed after his heart attack in *Something’s Gotta Give* 2003.
History: Furniture Eras

• **Ancient Rome - Pendant Light**

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- Drawing of an ancient Roman pendant lamp
- Modern electric pendant lamp
- Many modern pendants are associated with lamps used in a warehouse or factory
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Pendant lights in the house in *Life As We Know It*, 2010. Characters Holly Berenson (Katherine Heigl) and Eric Messer (Josh Duhamel) move into a house as legal guardians of a baby girl named Sophie Novak. The house was owned by their friends Peter Novak (Hayes MacArthur) and Alison Novak (Christina Hendricks) who are killed in a car crash.
History: Furniture Eras

• Ancient Persia - **Persian Rug**

The oldest Persian rug is 2,400 years old.

Persian Rug, Persian Qum Rug, Rugs, Wool from Houzz, available for $285,000

Modern Reproduction: Safavieh Lyndhurst Pearl Polypropylene Area Rug, Beige available from Walmart for $135
A sideboard is a cupboard that has a flat top for holding food, serving dishes, or lighting. Modern versions can also be called buffets or credenzas.

“Roman sideboards varied from a simple shelf to tables of different forms and sizes,” from *The Private Life of the Romans* by Harold Whetstone Johnston.

Liberty Furniture Harbor View III Buffet by Liberty Furniture Industries available from [Walmart](https://www.walmart.com), $898
History: Furniture Eras

• Medieval Era - **Larder-Style Cupboard**

In medieval France, the word larder referred to a cool room connected to the kitchen for keeping lard, or bacon, possibly underground.

Modern Home Styles
Nantucket Natural Pantry from Magical Chefs, $1,113

Mainstays Storage Cabinet, Multiple Finishes, Walmart, $69
History: Furniture Eras

• Medieval Era - **Blakar chair**

This Viking wingback chair from Norway inspired Queen Anne, Louis XIV and Louis XV versions. During the reign of Louis XIV, the wingback was called a Fauteuil. The Louis XV version is called a Rococo Fauteuil.
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Actor Patrick Stewart, Andrew Montgomery, photographer
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- **Georgian Era - Console Table**

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Left to Right: Olive Burl Georgian Console Cabinet Table, MBWFurniture.com, $12,500 and International Caravan Windsor Half Moon Console Table in Walnut Stain, $198.95 available at Walmart.
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- Georgian Era - **Chesterfield Sofa**

The Chesterfield has rolled arms that are the same height as the back. The name is connected to Philip Stanhope, the fourth Earl of Chesterfield, who commissioned a similar sofa in the mid-eighteenth century.

![Chesterfield Sofa](image)
History: Furniture Eras

• **Regency Era** - Biedermeier Chair, Regency Mirror

The Regency style is also known as the Biedermeier style in German-speaking lands, as well as the Czech National Revival movement in Czech-speaking lands, the Federal style in the United States and the French Empire style.

[Biedermeier Side Chair, $914 from 1stdibs.com](https://1stdibs.com)

[Regency Convex Mirror from Walmart, $249](https://www.walmart.com)
History: Furniture Eras

• International Arts and Crafts Era - William Morris Chair

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Jason Robards as Dashiell Hammett in the 1977 film *Julia*.
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Characters Adrian Monk (Tony Shalhoub), Benjy Fleming (Max Morrow) and Sharona Fleming (Bitty Schram) in an episode called Mr. Monk and the Paperboy, 2004
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Mission style furniture in Adrian Monk’s living room.
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White banker’s chair in Erica Barry’s (Diane Keaton) bedroom, in Something’s Gotta Give 2003.
History: Furniture Eras

• **Mid-Century Modern Era - Eero Saarinen’s Tulip Chair and Dining Table**

  Eero (1910 – 1961) was a 20th-century Finnish American architect and industrial designer known for his futuristic style including the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri as well as his Tulip chair and dining table.

  Eero Saarinen Tulip Dining Table and Six Swivel Chairs, 1956, Knoll International, $9,373.
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A knock-off of Eero Saarinen’s Tulip Chair was used on the original Star Trek show. The chair, known as the Burke Tulip Chair, was designed by Burke of Dallas Texas. The Burke tulip chairs are collectables and have value in their own right.
History: Furniture Eras

• Mid-Century Modern Era - Marcel Breuer’s Cesca chair, also called Model B32, or just a Breuer Chair

Marcel Breuer was a Hungarian-born modernist, architect, and furniture designer. He was one of the first and youngest students at the Bauhaus, a German art school founded by Walter Gropius in Weimar and operational from 1919 to 1933.
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Marcel Breuer’s Wassily Chair designed while Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky was at Bauhaus.
History: Furniture Eras

• **Mid-Century Modern Era - Charles and Ray Eames Lounge Chair and Ottoman**

Charles Ormond Eames, Jr. (1907–1978) and Bernice Alexandra “Ray” Eames (1912–1988) were a husband and wife, American design team who made significant contributions to modern architecture and furniture.

Eames Lounge Chair and ottoman are made of molded plywood and leather. They were released in 1956 after years of development and are part of the permanent collection of New York's Museum of Modern Art.
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Psychiatrist Dr. Frasier Crane (Kelsey Grammer) and Martin Crane’s (John Mahoney) dog Eddie in an Eames Lounge Chair (1993-2004).
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In this Canada Dry TV Commercial called ‘Robot Service’ a vacuum robot brings a lounger a new can of Ginger Ale, 2017
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

• Slides that follow in this presentation contain photos of high-end furniture (left side) and reasonably-priced reproductions (right side). Give the reproductions a ranking score from 1 to 10.
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Bergère chair created for King Louis XV

Chair #1
Transitional Style French Petit and Gros Point Needlepoint Bergère, 1stdibs.com $4,750

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Baxton Studio Chavanon Wood and Linen Traditional French Accent Chair in Light Beige, Walmart, $313.02
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Eames Office Chair

Chair #1
Eames Aluminum Management Chair by Herman Miller, $3420

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Flash Furniture Mid-Back Ribbed Upholstered Leather Executive Office Chair, Walmart, $153
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Chippendale Chair

Chair #1
Cupid's Bow Chippendale Chairs: Side Chair by Design Toscano, $349

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Beechwood Mountain LLC Wood Chippendale Dining Chair, Walmart, $152
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Barcelona Chair

Chair #1
Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe Barcelona Chairs By Knoll, from 1stdibs.com, $5,000

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Studio Designs Home Atrium Chair, Walmart, $208.50
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Bow-Back Windsor Side Chair

Chair #1
Consigned American Bowback Windsor Antique Side Chair
Pennsylvania c. 1800, $1195

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Windsor Chair, Black, Walmart
$46.50
Ladderback Chair

Chair #1
Early 18th Century
New England Ladder Back Side Chair from 1stdibs.com, $1,795

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
TMS Furniture 37318
Ladderback Chair (Set of 2)
Rush Seat
Walmart, $111
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Chiavari Chair

Chair #1
Wooden Chiavari Chairs in Natural Finish - Set of 4, from Silk Road Select, $935

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Flash Furniture 2-Pack HERCULES PREMIUM Series Resin Stacking Chiavari Chair, Multiple Colors, Walmart, $88-$99
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Oriental Rug

Rug #1
Persian Rug, Persian Qum Rug, Rugs, Wool from Houzz, available for $285,000

Rug #2 (Reproduction)
Modern Reproduction: Safavieh Lyndhurst Pearl Polypropylene Area Rug, Beige, Walmart, $135
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Wingback Chair

Chair #1
Queen Anne Carved Walnut Wing Chair. English, circa 1710
$27,500

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Work Smart Traditional Queen Anne Style Chair, Mahogany, Walmart, $208
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Chesterfield Sofa

Chair #1
Chesterfield Sofa from 1stdibs.com, $8,400

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Classic Scroll Arm Tufted Bonded Leather Chesterfield Large Sofa, Walmart, $560
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Georgian Gateleg Drop-Leaf Table

Table #1
Maple William & Mary Gateleg Table from 1stdibs.com, $11,000

Table #2 (Reproduction, Style)
Lynden Gateleg, Drop-Leaf Dining Table, Antique Walnut, Walmart, $150.89
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Console Table

Table #1
Antique Sheraton Period Figured Mahogany Demi-lune Console Table, from 1stdibs.com, $10,818

Table #2 (Reproduction)
International Caravan Windsor Half Moon Console Table in Walnut Stain, Walmart, $199
Mission Chair

Chair #1
48” Houghton Dining Chair Arm Bench by Amish Tables, $835

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Holmes Mission Style Chair, Multiple Colors, Walmart, $99
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Tulip Chair

Chair #1
Vintage Early 151 White Tulip Chair by Eero Saarinen for Knoll International from Pamono.com, $5,911

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Modway Lippa Dining Fabric Side Chair, Gray, Walmart, $136
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Cesca Chair (aka Breuer Chair)

Chair #1
Knoll Cesca Side Chair - Cane, Black at DWR, from Design Within Reach, $1,340

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Marcel Breuer Cesca Cane Chrome Side Chair in Black, Walmart, $226
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Wassily Chair

Chair #1
Authentic Wassily Chair from knoll.com, $2,186

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Modway Slingy Leatherette Lounge Chair, Multiple Colors, Walmart, $297
Power Rank Furniture Reproductions

Charles and Ray Eames Lounge Chair and Ottoman

Chair #1
Eames Lounge Chair and Ottoman from Herman Miller, $4,960

Chair #2 (Reproduction)
Charles Eames Herman Miller Inspired Mid Century Modern Lounge Chair, Walmart, $786