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The Versatility of a Modular Sofa

The modular sectional sofa is one of the best investments you could make for your home based on its incredible versatility. While modern couches can come in a wide variety of patterns, colors, and textures, the modular sectional can do more than just sit there and look pretty.

Let's take a look at the most popular sectional styles and how you can fully customize them.

Types of Modular Sectional Sofas

Sectional sofas come in many shapes and sizes, but you're more likely to find the following **gorgeous modular sofas** online, in a furniture store, or at your local vintage shop.

- **The Sofa Chaise:** A sectional with a chaise (or long cushion) at the end.
- **L-Shape Sectional (With or Without Chaise):** An L-Shaped sectional. One side is typically longer than the other. If a chaise is added, it's usually on the long side.
- **U-Shaped:** A sectional with two chaises at each end. Typically has a tall back.
- **Pit Sectional:** Deep sectional that combines two couches to create a "pit."

While a traditional sectional sofa doesn't come with individual pieces that can be separated or moved around, a modular sectional offers greater flexibility. Modular sectionals may still come in L-Shape or U-Shaped versions, but the buyer isn't limited to one design or placement.

Unique Ways to Set-Up a Modular Sectional

Besides the 4 typical traditional set-ups, a module sectional can be found and used outside of a **living room** or the home. One creative example is in an office lounge, where employees can take apart and move sections of the sofa to create a circle for a creative chat or meeting.

The other following ideas will work with most sectional types, but you may need one with a chaise or loose cushion without a tall back for more advanced layouts.

- **Reception Seating:** The office setting is the perfect place for modular seating since the receptionist can make a creative statement by organizing the area into different shapes.
- **Dining Chairs:** Whether at home or in the office, modular sectionals can be broken apart to form prompt-to dining room chairs if you're expecting a large number of guests.
- **Reading Nook:** Some modular sectionals have pieces that look more like oversized pillows than couches. If that sounds like yours, place two pieces together to form a nook.
- **Guest Bed:** Homeowners can design a sofa bed by adding one square and one chaise section for the legs or three open square sections for a comfortable daybed.

The versatility of the sectional is determined by the number of movable parts. Some sectionals have removable to adjustable backs and legs or can extend longer with added wood parts.

How to Style Sectionals: Fabric, Pillows, Curve

Fabric

Modular sectionals typically come in a single color, but experienced sewers can add different fabric colors and patterns onto each piece. By doing this, you can create a boho-inspired living room with bold, clashing colors or designate each section based on a room in your home.

Pillows

Instead of sewing, homeowners can accessorize their sofas with accent pillows. For example, a beige sectional could get away with a few bold patterned square cushions, while pastel fabrics pair well with similar colored pillows. Since sectionals can have short or tall backs, the size of the cushion matters as well. Stick to pillows that are smaller than the couches back as a rule.

Curve

Modern sectionals don't have to be boxy or straight; many sofa sets come in strips or bend at a curved angle. **The Osaka Sofa by La Cividina** consists of a steel frame and three foam cushions that stretch across the floor, which can be bent or removed at will. Curved Chesterfields or couches typically come with half-moon-shaped stools that double as tables.