

Relax in style



Hannah Cork works as an interior stylist and designer for private clients, glossy magazines and a range of high-profile television design and makeover shows. Here, she selects two handmade sofas from the extensive range at DFS, and shares her tips on creating stylish living spaces to suit different lifestyles



STOW

From the G Plan collection, made in Britain exclusively for DFS

With over six decades of expertise creating seating with a focus on design, craftsmanship, quality and comfort, G Plan has put its experience into developing a range exclusively for DFS, with those same values. The Stow sofa is available in an extensive range of fabric options, blending classical styling with modern comfort, delivering ergonomic support, while a selection of power and manual recliner chairs offer the ultimate relaxed seating experience.



OSKAR

Designed and handmade using traditional methods, available from DFS

Inspired by the historical Grand Tour, when young gentlemen travelled across Europe to expand their cultural knowledge, this handcrafted leather sofa uses time-worn construction methods to create an inviting, timeless piece of furniture. Available in four rich hues and various sizes, the luxurious, deep-buttoned-style sofa features elegant scrolled arms and comes complete with complementary accent cushions.

Discover how Hannah created these two looks...

◀ 'The sumptuous Oskar sofa, with its classical-heritage feel, is a great piece of furniture that would work in any space. Inherently, leather brings a warm, comfortable feel to a room, and has an innate sense of history and character, so I used dark wood to complement that. The Union Flag cushion was a great starting point for the interior; picking out the red and blue as accent shades. It also made me think of the eclectic nature of our tastes and influences. Many of us collect trinkets on our travels and they tell the story of our lives, so I used a wooden trunk as a coffee table to continue that theme, and picked a rug that had a lovely "lived in" feel to it. Then, the photos, pictures and accessories all had that feel of storytelling about them, alluding to different life experiences.'

▶ 'The Stow is a sophisticated design that is versatile enough to work in contemporary or traditional interiors. I wanted to create a harmonious, tranquil space where no specific piece took centre stage, and where you would be comfortable quietly reading, chatting with friends, watching TV or simply putting your feet up. To create that calm environment, I layered lots of lovely textures such as faux fur and velvet, to complement the chenille jacquard used to upholster the sofa. Then, in contrast to those tactile soft furnishings, I brought in brushed chrome, mirrors and glass to create a light, airy feel, giving a sense of space and luxury, and added highlights of soft watery colours in the rug, throw and paintings. A great way to unite a range of photos in a room is to use frames and mounts from the same colour palette or made from the same materials.'

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