

# FURNITURE RESTORATION



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**Q** How do I decide whether to restore a piece of furniture or cabinetry rather than replace it?

• **Quality** -When it comes to furniture, there's some truth to the adage "They don't make them like they used to." There's a good reason for that. Most cheap or poorly made old furniture has long since passed into landfills. Those pieces still around are the ones that were built better initially. At times, restoring an older piece may seem more expensive than buying a new replacement, but cheaper replacements may also be inferior.

• **Function** -Does the furniture match your family's needs, space, and lifestyle? You might, for example, decide to replace a dining table that is too small for your family or guests. However, if the problem is merely that the furniture is not in good working condition, restoration is often a better option.

• **Sentimental Value** -Does the piece have sentimental value? Perhaps it is a family heirloom laden with fond memories. Clearly, such pieces are well worth restoring. Not only will you be preserving a deserving piece of woodwork, but you'll also be passing history and family lore on to the next generation.