

THE “DO I NEED THIS” CHECKLIST:

FURNITURE :

- Was this on your list today?
 - If NO, was this on a previous list? (Be honest!)

- Do we own a piece that serves this purpose?

- Does this replace something we already own?
 - Was this other item free or very inexpensive?
 - Is this item broken or stained?
 - Can the item we own be repaired or fixed?
 - for less than the cost of this piece?

- Is this on our list of “necessary furniture”?

- Is it on sale?

- Can you fit it in the car today?
 - If not:
 - Is there a delivery fee?
 - Will they hold the item?

- Does it require further attention?
 - Paint
 - Upholstery
 - REPAIR
 - Does this cost offset its present value?

- Have you left the store and taken time to think about it?
- Do you absolutely love it?
- Does it give you butterflies and make you smile?
- Will it feel too trendy in 2 years?
 - If Yes, Can you update it yourself?
 - Does it have classic lines?
 - Consider cost to reupholster/clean/paint
- Can you envision exactly where it would go in our home?
 - Bonus points for more than 1 location
- Have you checked
 - dimensions
 - paint swatches
 - online reviews (if available)
- Are you buying this to make yourself feel happy?
(Go get some COFFEE instead!)

ACCESSORIES/DECOR:

- Does this serve a purpose in our home?
 - Storage
 - What would it hold? _____, _____

- Collect Dust/Require cleaning?
 - Look pretty/Make you smile
 - Memory evoking treasure
 - Actual function: _____, _____,
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Does something else you own serve a similar purpose?

- Do you know EXACTLY where it would go?
 - Could it go in more than 2 rooms?

Is there space to store this item?
(if Seasonal/not on display)

How many months of the year is this useful?
(3+ is best)

- How often would you use this item?
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Annually
 - Never, it just sits there.

Have we spoken about wanting something like this?

Did you pin a photo of something like this?
(that your husband also admired? (pseudo Pre-approval.)

Do we BOTH get pleasure/use out of this item?

___ Will this item feel trendy in two years or less?

___ Is it on sale?

___ Is it under 10 dollars? under 20?

___ Could you find something like it for less?

___ Are you buying this to make yourself feel happy?
(Go buy COFFEE instead!)