**Materials Used When Making A High End/Quality Sofa**

- **Frame**: Solid birch and beech, which are durable and long-lasting. They provide superior structural integrity. To check this, tap the outside back and feel the firmness. Frames are detachable to allow for easier access for replacement.
- **Furniture Feet**: Metal feet, castors, and slipper cups.
- **Stuffing Materials**:
  - **High Resiliency Foam**: A high-quality foam that is very soft, comfortable, and responsive. It provides more moderate support than even memory foam. It is perfect for a sofa/armchair’s seat and back cushion to give more natural responsiveness.
  - **Low-Density Foam** (White): A medium weight/density polyurethane foam. Often combined with high-density foam (blue) to create a more comfortable seating experience.
  - **Medium-Density Foam** (Red): A fast response polyurethane foam. It is used in higher-end upholstered furniture and comes together in certain types of furniture, like elaborate sofas and armchairs. These are softer and provide more comfort.
  - **Recycled Foam**: A biodegradable synthetic, however, an extremely durable material which lasts decades and therefore creates longer lasting, more sustainable upholstered furniture. The cloth also provides a foundation for the upholstery, which helps support sundry padding foam used in higher-end upholstered furniture. Burlap/hessian is used to support padding in sofas and armchairs; these are softer and provide more comfort.
  - **Feather Filling**: Used as legs on almost all our upholstered pieces, however, an extremely durable material which lasts decades and therefore creates longer lasting, more sustainable upholstered furniture. Burlap/hessian is used to support padding in sofas and armchairs; these are softer and provide more comfort.
  - **Down Filling**: A much higher quality, very lightweight and hypoallergenic polyester that isn’t mould and stains since it cannot retain them. Used for the facing elements of armchairs, however, an extremely durable material which lasts decades and therefore creates longer lasting, more sustainable upholstered furniture.
  - **Recyclable Steel**: Steel is used for metal frames, runners, and legs. It is recyclable steel meaning even once discarded these can be reused. They are also very durable and long-lasting (as much as 100 years).
  - **100% FSC Certified Timber**: Our timber is very environmentally friendly. It is used for the facing elements of armchairs, however, an extremely durable material which lasts decades and therefore creates longer lasting, more sustainable upholstered furniture. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) helps look after forests and the people and wildlife who call them home.

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**Laboratory (IDFL)**: "Down and feathers have the lowest carbon footprint of any other fill material." Down and feathers regulate heat well and are incredibly soft and comfortable, making them ideal for sofa and armchair cushions.

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