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The 5 luxury furniture makers that are true tastemakers

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(Left) David and Donna Feldman of Dmitriy & Co. (Right) Jason Horvath (left) and Bill Hilgendorf (right) of Uhuru Design.

Dmitriy & Co.



Dmitriy & Co.'s David and Donna Feldman

All in the family: Back in the 1980s, David Feldman opened an antiques and custom furniture showroom that built on the spirit of his Russian-born grandfather's humble Lower East Side upholstery business. Some two decades later Feldman and his wife, Donna, branched out further and launched Dmitriy & Co., a working design studio and by-appointment-only showroom in Chelsea, in 2011. Specializing in handcrafted sofas, the company, set in a West 25th Street loft, invites potential buyers to indulge in a "sitting experience." "We ask, how will the sofa be used? Is it for reading books, watching TV or for playing chess?" says Donna.

Bespoke details: "We equate what we do to making a bespoke suit," says Donna, describing the process of painstakingly hand-tying each coil spring and filling upholstered furniture with horsehair padding. Subtle, time-consuming decorative details include hand-sewn thin welts, top-stitched seams and pleating; Belgian hand-dyed linen and Loro Piana cashmere are the materials used. "These pieces are made to last," she adds.

Major pedigree: The firm's design world-heavy client list includes Robert A.M. Stern, Studio Sofield and McAlpine Booth & Ferrier, not to mention "private decorators with very private clients," says Donna. The firm is also working on residential projects in Tel Aviv, New York and Miami.

Must buy: The Dmitriy Daybed is more than 8 feet long and is upholstered in Belgian linen with a walnut base. From \$11,600. dmitriyco.com



The relax-ready Dmitriy Daybed stretches more than 8 feet and is clad in linen imported from Belgium.