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**Sleeper:** Today's sofabeds, unlike those of old, are available as chairs, love seats and sofas in hundreds of colors. Laurel Furniture manager Bob Sigmon (cover photo) says today's sofabeds have come a long way as far as comfort.

## Sofa continued from 8D

choice of color was black. Today's sleeper sofas do come in black but also in hundreds of other colors as well as stripes, plaids, patterns and florals. Marrying style and fabric to custom order a sleeper is not an easy choice for customers today. Computer software takes the guesswork out of fabric

**■ 'There's a big demand for them. People are converting guest rooms into home offices and they want an office look'**

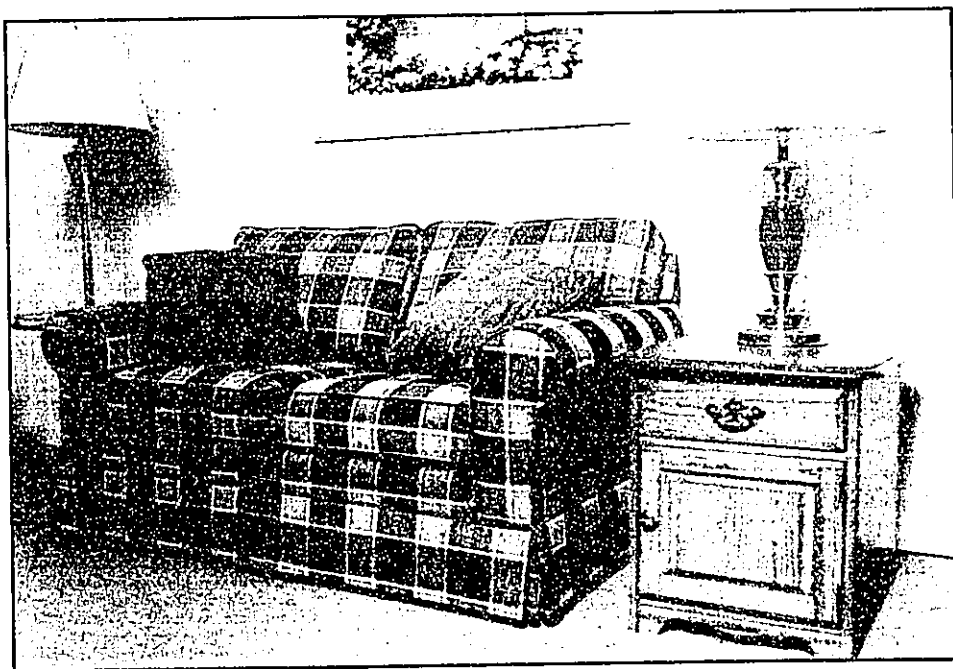
*James Hostnik  
Scott-Shuptrine Furniture*

selection. Now customers, through the wonders of technology, are able to see what a sleeper will look like as ordered.

### What to look for

If you're considering the purchase of a sleeper sofa, the knowledgeable staff at Laurel Furniture has a few tips for making the right choice.

Look for a sleeper sofa with an innerspring mattress, not foam. An innerspring mattress (seven-inch is best) provides better support. Make sure the sofa has good cushion cores. The higher the density of the cushion core the better the cushion core, making the sleeper sofa more comfortable to sit on. And finally, ask if the sofa is constructed with an all-hardwood frame. If you plan to move or rearrange your furniture with any regularity, this is important for durability.



**Variety:** Today's sleeper sofas come in many different colors as well as stripes, plaids, patterns and florals, making them comfortable in any room.