

Futons make the most of space in stylish fashion

(MPS) - If it looks like a sofa and it feels like a sofa, then it must be a sofa, right?

Not necessarily. It could be the latest generation of futon furnishings. Today's upscale futon designs bear little resemblance to the futons of years past. What's new?

For starters, stylish new frames feature upholstered

arms. The new designs combine a look often associated with traditional furniture with the convenience and flexibility of futon furnishings. Also new are covers inspired by the over-popular slipcover. Designed to give furniture a fresh, casual look, the covers drape to the floor, hiding the front of the wooden frame. And, no matter what frame or futon cover you choose,

coordinating accessories - including window coverings, lamp shades, and pillows of all sizes with trendy buttons and tassels - are a must.

"A style-conscious consumer is always on the lookout for things that are fashionable and functional," explains Kathleen de Monchy, president, Can Do Tours, who has appeared on such shows as "CBS This Morning"

and "Our Home" (Lifetime). "These new style choices will allow even more consumers to enjoy the many benefits of futons."

Ideal for making the most of your space, futon frames quickly and easily convert from sitting to sleeping places and back again. A den or home office that includes a futon instantly can be converted into a guest room.

And, futon covers make redecorating a snap. If Junior spills juice at snack time or you want a decorating change for each new season, changing the futon cover will give any room a clean, fresh look.

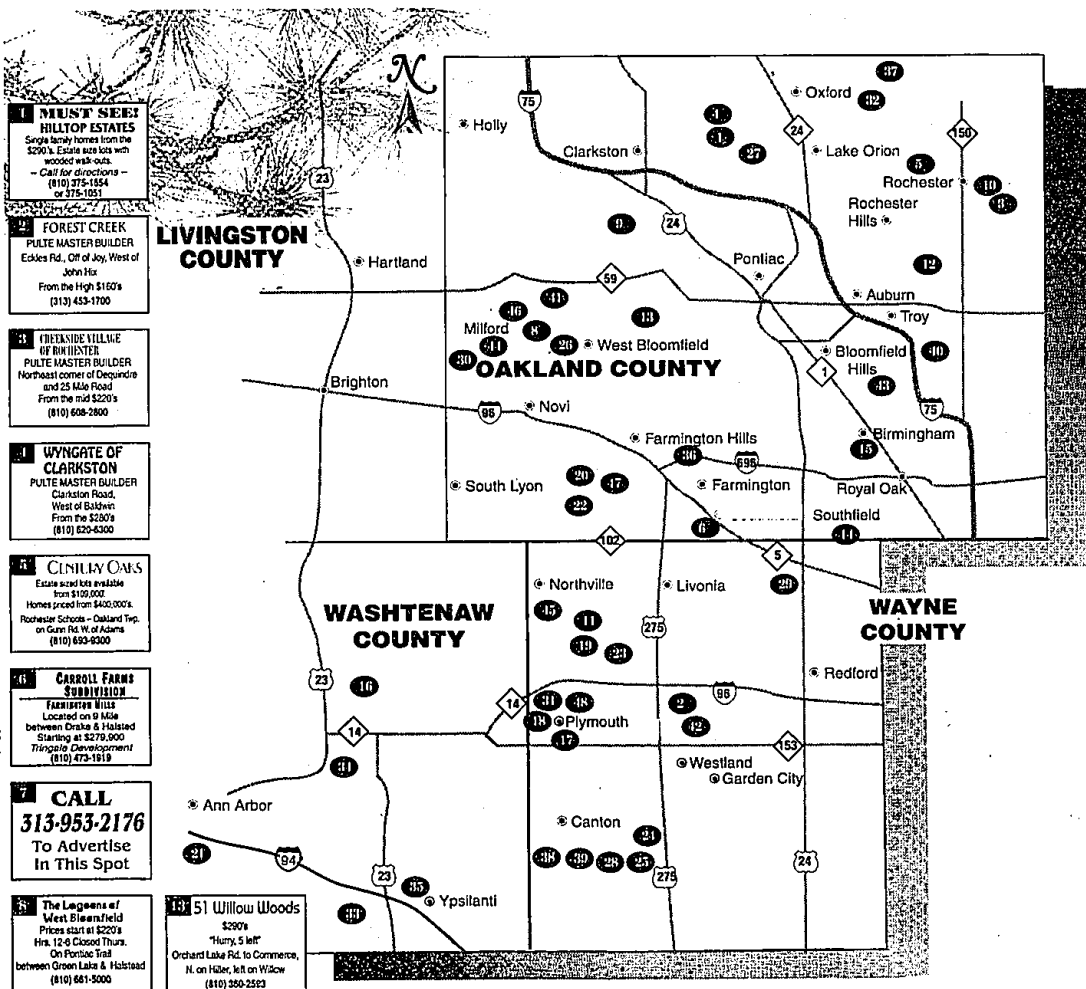
"When it comes to their homes, people want pieces that can stand up to everyday use but will look good, too," says de Monchy. "Futon furnishings are a natural

choice."

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