

Everything for your new home

Guide



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Moving to a new country is exciting, but turning your house into a home can be a challenge. Dutch homes are often smaller, differently structured and sometimes surprisingly empty when you first move in. This guide helps you get started with furnishing your home in the Netherlands, in a smart, practical and stylish way.

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1. Start with the essentials

When you first move in, focus on what you really need.

Start here:

- A comfortable bed
- A place to sit (sofa or chairs)
- A dining area
- Lighting (often missing!)
- Curtains for privacy

Tip: Don't try to finish everything at once.
Build your home step by step.

2. Understanding Dutch homes

Dutch houses can be quite different from what you're used to.

What to expect:

- Smaller living spaces
- Limited built-in storage
- Narrow staircases
- Unfurnished apartments
- Lots of natural light

Tip: Measure everything before buying furniture,
especially staircases and doorways.

3. Smart living: making the most of your space

Space is valuable in the Netherlands.

Choose furniture that works harder:

- Storage beds
- Foldable or extendable tables
- Modular sofas
- Wall shelves instead of large cabinets
- Room dividers for open spaces

Tip: Think in layers: combine function + style.

4. Lighting makes the difference

Lighting is key to creating atmosphere, especially during Dutch winters.

Use a mix of:

- Functional lighting
- Ambient lighting
- Accent lighting

Tip: Warm light instantly creates a cozy ("gezellig") feeling.

5. Living with the seasons

Your home should adapt to the seasons.

- Winter:
Rugs, blankets, warm materials
- Summer:
Light fabrics, open spaces
- Outdoor:
Use your balcony or terrace as an extension of your home

6. Common mistakes expats make

Avoid these:

- Buying furniture that doesn't fit through the stairs
- Underestimating lighting needs
- Buying everything at once
- Forgetting storage solutions

Tip: Take your time, your home evolves with you.

7. Your home starts here

At Villa ArenA, you'll find everything you need to furnish your home, all in one place. Villa ArenA is the ultimate destination for anyone looking to furnish their home in style and comfort. With a wide range of high-quality furniture, home décor, and accessories, Villa ArenA makes it easy to find everything you need under one roof. From elegant sofas and dining sets to cozy bedroom essentials, every item is carefully selected to suit a variety of tastes and lifestyles.

- › 40+ home & interior stores
- › Inspiration for every style
- › Practical solutions for Dutch homes
- › Easy to visit & explore

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Creating a home takes time
but with the right choices,
it becomes a place that
truly reflects you.

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