

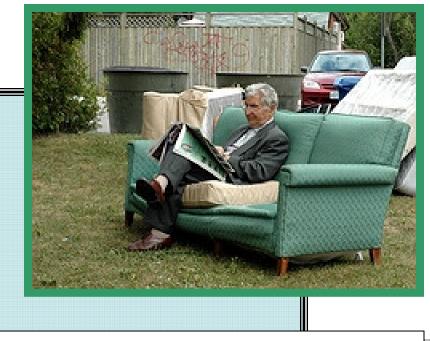
# Every sofa tells a story

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### WHAT DO WE KNOW?

# Sofas are an emotionally significant purchase:

- 'I want a comfortable couch that doesn't make me feel as if my life is a failure'.<sup>1</sup>
- 'Consumers will increasingly purchase [furniture] because they "quite fancy it" or "like the look of it"".2





## Sofas often represent their owners to the outside world:

'The couch has to say the right thing to someone walking into my flat for the first time. It also needs to be very ME to the people who know me well'.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>"Solo Summer," by J.M. Henderson / *The Knot Magazine* / July 30, 2004. <sup>2</sup>'British Lifestyles 2007' / Mintel. <sup>3</sup>"What Your Couch Says about You," by Donna Stephens / *Women24.com*.

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Make sofa customisation a mark of personal authenticity.



#### In other words, DFS should convince its customers that:

This is <u>your</u> sofa / Every sofa tells a story
Your life isn't generic. Your sofa shouldn't be either.
Our sofas are You Approved