

## Quality Furniture for Less

Moving into a new apartment or home today is a difficult and expensive process. After the stress of a housing search, cleaning a new space, and unpacking boxes, it's difficult to find the time and resources to furnish a new home. Worse yet, many affordable furniture options from big retailers are constructed of increasingly flimsy, low-quality materials and often require replacement within the first few years. Your grandparents turned out to be right when they said, "Things just aren't built like they used to be."

Luckily quality options from years past are still available at Michaan's Annex Auctions. Every month, we sell hundreds of gently used furniture pieces, each featuring a unique and

beautifully crafted design that will last decades longer than the modern alternative. Better yet, gently used furniture from Michaan's Auctions regularly sells at much lower prices than in-store options.



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In this series, we will highlight a few examples of furniture and other home goods recently sold at Michaan's Annex Auction and compare them with their supposed equivalent from a retailer such as IKEA, Wayfair, and Target.

### **Annex Highlights**

The first item offered by Michaan's Auctions in the December Annex Sale is a **Federal Style Dining Table with Six Matching Chairs** which sold for \$117 as Lot 2005. This table and chair combo features a full-size dining table constructed of fine mahogany with a dark stain finish. Of course, it is constructed entirely from wood, in contrast to options from stores



such as IKEA, Wayfair, and others. The tabletop has beveled edges and a beautiful grain pattern evident across the entire surface, while the table's legs feature decorative carvings. The table is complemented by six matching chairs, each boasting fine trim and beautifully designed curved frames. The table also includes a protective cover, completing a package that far exceeds the quality of retail options costing ten times as much!

Next is Lot 2170, a **Pair of Gray Upholstered Square Framed Lounge Chairs**, which sold for \$117 in the December Annex Sale. The chairs feature metal feet connected to a solid wood frame and quality material choices that mean you can trust this piece to last for years of typical household use. Each chair highlights an iconic square-framed lounge design and is sure to add a feeling of sophistication to any room it is featured in. The upholstery is a classic

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durable canvas material that is easy to clean and will maintain its color, shape, and integrity over time, while also adding to the chairs' sophisticated design. Each chair is accompanied by a large pillow made from the same material, adding to the value of the piece, especially when compared to big retailers, which often sell for three times as much, while being made of less durable materials.

The final featured item from Michaan's Auction's December Annex Sale is the **Modern Dresser with Two Leather Drawers**, which sold for \$117 as Lot 2023. The dresser features dark-stained, full wood construction with a beautiful grain evident on the surface of each panel. The dresser features an admittedly simple design equally common in big-box retailers, however, it is enhanced by small details that work to increase the user



experience. Most notable from a tactile perspective are the recessed handles, which are carefully carved from the drawers' surfaces. Also evident to the viewer and user alike is the leather paneling on the top two drawers, a beautiful design choice that is sure to distinguish this piece from contemporary retail options. While this piece features minor surface

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imperfections from prior use, they are difficult to see at a distance and are outweighed by the item's beautiful design and durable materials.

### **Next Sale**

As you can see, Michaan's Auctions Annex Sales can offer a higher quality item for a lower price than major retailers. Registration and bidding are intuitive processes and can be done 100% online! You don't even need to watch the auction, simply submit an absentee or online bid, and check back at the end of the sale to see if you've won the item.

The January Annex Auction is being held Monday, January 15th; Tuesday, January 16th; and Wednesday, January 17th. This venue gives collectors a wide variety of jewelry, fine art, decorative arts, furniture, Asian art, stamps, and coins to choose from. The auction includes over 2,500 lots, most estimated under \$300.

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