

Quality Household Goods for Less

Welcome to Michaan's Auctions Quality for Less blog series, a set of posts that highlight some of the great finds available at our monthly Annex Auctions. 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 big retail options such as IKEA, Wayfair, and others.

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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Annex Highlights

The first item offered by Michaan's Auctions in the January Annex Auction is a **Studio Pottery Tea Article Including PAZ**, which sold for \$59 as Lot 471. Michaan's Auctions regularly features quality home goods, including this tea set, which includes a ceramic teapot, a ceramic pot with pour sprout, and a set of seven ceramic saucers and cups. Each of these items is of a red-brown color with a glaze on top, which is black on the saucer and cups, and largely clear to white on the two pots. This group of items features exquisite craftsmanship and is unmistakably handmade. While

there are limited mass-produced options that can match the quality of this piece, one example is the Miya company, which produces a two-cup and teapot set for \$70. Not only does this option fail to provide the additional pot, four cups, and seven saucers, but its design reveals evidence of its mass production.

Next is Lot 495, a **Japanese and Studio Pottery Bowls, Etc.**, which sold for \$26 in the January Annex Auction. This lot features a total of five bowls, two plates with raised edges, and two larger serving plates. Each of these ceramic dishes features a unique design and glaze pattern, highlighting the handmade and unique quality of the set.



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It is easy to see how shopping at Michaan's Auctions could save you money while outfitting your kitchen, as a single plate or bowl from an independent ceramic studio could easily exceed the price of this group lot, while buying from a retailer such as IKEA would mean foregoing the handmade quality of these items. Due to their durability, elegance, and low cost, items such as this lot are sure to improve your home and bring you joy over many years of use.

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 February Annex Auction is being held Monday, February 12th; Tuesday, February 13th; and Wednesday, February 14th. 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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