

FURNITURE Attention, Undomesticateds: Your Chair Has Arrived

▼ Debbie Wiener once cared about keeping her home pristine. Then she got married.

Her husband was incapable of wiping his feet, she said. "I could follow the trail of dirt through the house." He snacked while watching television and wiped his hands on the drapes. "It was disgusting."

Later, with two boys (now teenagers) and a vomit-prone dog named Daisy, she

found her home in a constant shambles. So Ms. Wiener, an interior designer, decided her furniture, not her family, needed to change.

The result is a new line of slob-friendly upholstered furniture. Ms. Wiener experimented with fabrics used in boating, but found them too stiff. Then she discovered Crypton, a nearly impenetrable material made from fibers encapsulated in a moistureproof barrier, which is popular in hotels and other institutional settings.

The Slobproof line — made with a softer, more supple version of Crypton Ms. Wiener developed with the manufacturer — includes sectionals, sleepers, sofas and chairs (the Jacob chair, left, is \$975). Ms. Wiener delights in showing how messy foods like chocolate sauce and ketchup easily wipe off. If a wet sponge alone isn't enough, adding soap or detergent usually does the trick.

"People want comfort and a luxurious, tactile experience," she said. "You can lie on the sofa and put your cheek on the arm." You can put your muddy feet up, too.

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