

What kind of furniture did the Pilgrims have?

The first houses did not have much furniture. There was not much room for furniture. And there was not much time to make it.

For a table, the Pilgrims put wooden boards across two wooden sawhorses. At night they put the boards against the wall so that they would have room to put their mattresses on the floor.

Not every house had a real chair. When there was a chair, the man of the house used it. Everyone else had to sit on a bench or on the floor—or stand up.

A big fireplace took up one side of the room. It was used for cooking, for light, and for heat in the wintertime.

Some people brought rugs from England. They used them to cover their beds. They never put them on the floor.



You would hang your everyday clothes on pegs on the wall. Guns and helmets were hung on pegs too.

Your Sunday clothes would be kept in a pine chest along with the sheets and blankets.

