



Furniture Brat's warehouse show floor features one-of-a-kind furnishings sourced from vendors around the world. It includes custom upholstery and leather options. (Becca Smouse/Community Impact Newspaper)

Furniture Brat

Interior design background helps owner take on warehouse business

The beginning of Furniture Brat was anything but smooth for owner Amanda Shaffie, who worked through a name change, multiple relocations and the hurdles of a growing business during the COVID-19 pandemic. But Shaffie, perhaps better known as Sassy Jacq, was determined.

"I know how to [do] interior design," said Shaffie, who had worked 30 years in the field. "I know how to put things together. Wearing that hat also was very instrumental in what Furniture Brat has come to be."

The beginnings of Furniture Brat started when the single mom of four took a part-time job at a local furniture store making a humble hourly wage to help put food on

the table. Two years later, she took over that business. Two years after that, she was signing a lease on her own furniture warehouse.

"I'm going to make this happen one way or another," she said.

The business started out as Dandelion Outlet, a furniture shop selling scratch-and-dent items, she said. While business was doing well, she wanted more. Shaffie saw the commercial property construction on Germann and Gilbert roads and knew she had to move there.

"I could see how all of that vision that I had from when I first started was just coming together, and it was bigger than even what I had anticipated," she said.

Shaffie was involved in the design process during construction, selecting every detail from

floors to ceiling height to the outlet covers. A fateful interaction with a particularly difficult customer became the origin story of the store's name.

"The lights just went on: We all want what we want," she said smiling, recounting the memory. "We're all furniture brats."

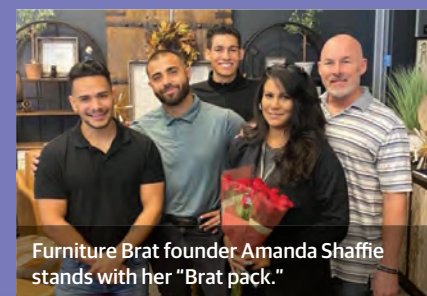
The warehouse features an array of home furnishings, including couches, tables, quirky throw pillows, snarky tea towels and even custom-made candles. Working with vendors from around the world, Shaffie said she looks for things that are one of a kind to feature on her floor.

"I love things that have a story," she said. "If it's authentic, if it's inspiring or if it's funny, I want it in my store."



Furniture Brat opened in November 2020 and has been growing ever since.

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Furniture Brat founder Amanda Shaffie stands with her "Brat pack."

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SHOWING OFF

Here is what customers can find at Furniture Brat.

- Pieces from over 120 vendors from around the globe
- More than 500 pieces on the floor at a time
- Custom-made upholstery and leather furniture items



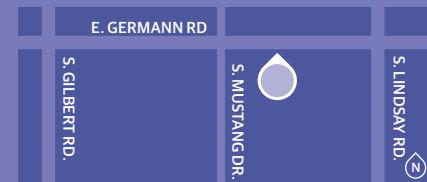
Furniture Brat

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Hours: Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Mon., by appointment Tue., Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Note: Guests must be 12 years of age or older due to light-industrial zoning restrictions and warehouse conditions.



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