

fine dining

A confident use of colours, materials and standout furnishings will ensure every meal is memorable

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The paragon of good taste

THE SPACE WHERE YOU WINE AND DINE NEEDS TO HAVE AMBIENCE, BUT IN ADDITION TO STYLE THERE ARE A FEW PRACTICALITIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER

‘Dining room colours set the stage for laughter, connection and even romance. So choose tones that flatter the skin tone or feel comfortable and rich. I find that warm, rosy hues are amazing, as they make everyone look healthier.’

Jennifer Morris, founder of JMorris Design

‘Furniture should have enough space for people to pass comfortably behind someone who is seated at the table. A rule of thumb is no less than 36-42 inches between the table and the wall or sideboard.’

Reena Sotropa, founder of Reena Sotropa In House Design Group

‘Surfboard-shaped dining tables have been popular for some time now. I think we’re all used to seeing rectangular pieces but given how dining rooms aren’t closed-off spaces any more, the need is for tables that make it easy to get around in the space. The rounded corners create less of a visual block.’

Jarret Yoshida, founder of Jarret Yoshida Interior Design



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SET THE SCENE

Make your dining room a showcase for all things beautiful and a place for pause. After all, this is where you spend a significant amount of time hosting friends and family. Fill it with eye-catching lighting fixtures, art, decorative items and the most comfortable seats.

GET THE LOOK Project by Hauvette & Madani. Chandelier ‘Roma’, Danke Galerie. Chairs by Philippe Jean, Galerie Yves Gastou. Ceramics by Morgane Pasqualini ▶



INNOVATIVE THINKING

Be inventive when it comes to creating a gorgeous dining area. 'This room, which is octagonal in shape, was designed as a place for connection for a modern family,' says Jon de la Cruz, founder of de la Cruz Interior Design. 'Whether dining, playing games or enjoying an after dinner nightcap, I wanted to challenge the idea of a dining space, while keeping its quiet yet luxurious aesthetic.'

GET THE LOOK Table by Angelo Mangiarotti for Agapecasa. Vintage chairs by Rainer Daumiller. Banquette by Jon de la Cruz. Paint by Willem Racké Studio

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COLOUR ME BEAUTIFUL

A statement table and chairs with a slim profile will make the most of the space available. 'We chose these minimalist chairs in cane, along with a slim dining table, for this apartment,' says Noorein Kapoor, founder of Noorein Kapoor Design Studio. 'The cane chairs give the illusion of extra room. Narrow furniture legs help keep this segment of the house feeling open and relaxed.'

GET THE LOOK Dining table and chairs from Hatsu. Mirror from Magnolia ►



STYLE FUSION

Meld old and new pieces in your dining room for a warm, welcoming feel. For an even cosier atmosphere, highlight decorative coving and the ceiling with a darker paint colour. 'We designed a timeless space that redefines the past with present sensibilities,' say Satyajeet Patwardhan and Pashmin Shah, co-founders of Amoeba Design.

GET THE LOOK Paint from Asian Paints. Similar light from 1stDibs



ON DISPLAY

If your dining space is along a wall, consider building shelves around it, as seen in this project by New York-based architectural practice MKCA. Use them to display books or collectibles.

GET THE LOOK Dining table by Christopher Kurtz. Chairs by Osvaldo Borsani, sourced through Nilufar



TWO DIMENSIONAL

'An interesting yet offbeat way to cosy up the dining room is with wall panelling,' says Noorein Kapoor of Noorein Kapoor Design Studio. 'This not only adds a wonderful architectural effect but also provides texture to a one-dimensional space.'

GET THE LOOK Similar table and chair from 1stDibs



APPETISING VISUALS

Textured wallpaper and a sculptural table in marble give a luxury look. 'Every object has been curated to elevate the experience,' says Ravi Vazirani, founder of Ravi Vazirani Design Studio.

GET THE LOOK Dining table from The KOY Store. Chairs by Gubi. Wallpaper from Asian Paints



SETTLE DOWN

Many cultures prefer low seating as it is said it can aid digestion. 'And with all old traditions making a comeback, we decided to redo floor seating in a modern way,' says architect Shiraz Jamali of this space. Low seating also makes a room feel taller.

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DELICIOUS SPREAD

Even a small dining space eked out in the kitchen can be personality-filled. You simply need to use the magic of colour. 'The saffron-coloured concrete flooring and ceiling harmonise with the made-to-measure bench and the octagonal table. We added an artwork to further layer the scheme,' says architect Sophie Dries.

GET THE LOOK Vintage stool by Philippe Starck. Dining table by Charlotte Perriand for Les Arcs. Artwork by Giulia Andreani

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SHAPE UP

No longer do you need to choose between square, rectangular and round for your dining table: designers are taking this staple in new directions with a focus on more unusual or angular shapes that foster connection and make for better, more intimate conversation. Tapered designs are popular, but this hexagonal look from Pierre Yovanovitch feels like a particularly cool take on the trend.

GET THE LOOK Kim dining table by Pierre Yovanovitch