

TURNING THE TABLES

THE DISH ON STYLISH DINING

DINING GLAMOUR

The Sutton dining table by Bill Sofield for Baker sets the stage for a luxurious holiday gathering. American and French walnut gracefully mix with white gold accents, and the center features an (optional) lazy Susan; \$17,000, kohlerinteriors.com.

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Summer fades and our attention turns toward a season of food, friends and places to bring these activities together. Will you prepare and host a holiday meal this year? Now's the time to tune up your dining room and fill your holiday soirees with the colors of Fall.



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Turn your gathering into something extraordinary this year with new dining room furniture. Make a statement with beautiful linens and create a memorable meal with your favorite serving dishes and festive accessories. Bring different styles to your entertaining over time whether you use your dining room once a year or every day. Some of the most memorable moments are spent in communion with friends and family here over your dining table. Surround it with comfortable chairs that invite your guests to linger. Use lighting creatively to make a comfortable setting that invites conversation long after the meal has ended.

THOMAS PHEASANT FOR BAKER

Classic architectural features meet the pristine spirit of modernism in this square dining table made of solid and veneer mahogany with an unexpected ivory leather insert; \$7,500, kohlerinteriors.com.



CR CURRIN

Inspired by the stylistic forms found in French Art Deco design, the Newport dining table is sleek and classic; \$9,900, crrurrin.com.



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This elegant dining table sparkles with individually crafted hand-blown glass mirror pieces. The striations, waves, and bubbles found on the base and apron combine to make each furniture piece a work of artful jewelry for the home; \$13,000, crrurrin.com.



BERMAN ROSETTI

The beauty of natural material is well executed in the Equis dining table. Welcomed in both modern or transitional spaces, and available in walnut, maple, or oak, this contemporary piece exudes warmth and elegance; \$13,000, desousahughes.com.



With people nesting longer in their homes, design a space that supports your needs and encourages usage. Don't think of your dining room as strictly for special occasions. If this room isn't working, change it to serve your needs, redefining it completely if necessary.

Explore the possibilities of your home. Before taking the plunge, check out the new design styles and materials. Be sure to allow time for custom fabrication and delivery. And when you're finally ready to say good-bye to your old dining room furniture, consider one of the many consignment shops.

Creating a stylish and operational dining room doesn't have to be a daunting task. Choose furniture, linens, tableware and accessories that balance style with budget.

Be creative! The end result need not be costly. Consider the different seasons of entertaining and what you like to do. And don't forget to consult a professional interior designer to ensure the longevity of your investment.

Entertaining should be a joy and with the tables turned just right...it will be!

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