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## Formal dining room sets with buffet

Photographer: Kate Martin 1. Create symmetry by flanking a cloak with a pair of matching pieces, such as the dressers and fireplaces, but add a surprise element. Instead of matching artworks, Mikic chose two very different prints by Grayson Perry, left, and Damien Hirst. 2. Be calculating about color - let a large element, such as this custom carpet in emerald green, serve as a bright note. 3. Pair of unlikely textures for stunning results. The luxurious metal consoles against the organically feel grass cloth walls create a modern and completely original look. Want more? Tour Peter Mikic's whole london house. This content is created and maintained by a third party and imported onto this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may find more information about this and similar content at piano.io Our editors research, test, and recommend the best products; more information about our review process can be found here. We may receive commissions on purchases made through our chosen links. Gone are the days when you needed to leave the house to find the dining table of your dreams. Whether you're looking for a traditional farm design or something more suited to your mid-century modern tastes, there are endless options just a click away. Before you start shopping, make sure you measure your space, says interior designer and author of Rental Style, Chelsey Brown. Brown encourages shoppers to map out (on the floor) where the table will go with painters tape. This gives you an idea of how much space the table you occupy. Don't forget quality. One way to do this is by always reading reviews first. Interior designer Diana Weinstein of DW Designs points out that functionality and care are also central. For example, do you need it to expand? Where are the legs and how do your chairs fit? What does it need in terms of cleaning and maintenance? Does it need to be assembled? To simplify your shopping process, we've searched the web and read hundreds of reviews to chittle our list to the best of the best. Here are the most beautiful dining tables available online. Rivet, Amazon's mid-century-inspired design brand, continues to drop jaws with their separate home furnishings. This table - a little retro, a bit industrial - can function as a dining table or even a desk. A hardwood top with a walnut finish floats on black metal hairpin legs. Reviewers confirm that the table is solidly built and fairly easy to assemble- takes less than 20 minutes. If you're as obsessed with design as we are, you can also add a matching coffee table, side table or console to fully integrate your living space. While most of us would kill for an original Knoll Saarinen Tulip (view of Knoll), unfortunately, it's not always in the budget. Fortunately, this premium reproduction – thanks to Rove Concepts – is an affordable alternative. The trademark single-pedestal tulip base is made of strong strong aluminium that supports a heavy, satin-finished lacquer top. While the list is the definition of mid-century design, it can work in virtually any aesthetic as long as you put thought into the chairs you combine it with. If you want to stay true to Sarrinen's vision, order the matching tulip chairs. Philadelphia-based interior designer Anita Householder, of House Edits, is a big fan of trestle-style tables. You always pull up a few extra chairs (side handles, small benches) in a pinch when you feed a crowd or receive a lot of people- [plus], the legs don't get in the way of all the prime real estate, she explains. This trestle option, from Amazon's farm-chic Stone & Beam, looks like it was chosen by Joanna Gaines for one of her Fixer Upper homes. The rustic wood has a raw look and feel and the design is finished with on-trend, angular cross-tied legs. Friends and family will be shocked when they learn that it was not hand-made by a local carpenter and was simply ordered online and delivered to your door. Floyd is a direct-to-consumer furniture company that is all about making our lives easier. Instead of offering tons of style choices, they focus their efforts on developing a great no-brainer product in each category. The Floyd Table is a good example of that. The versatile piece can serve as a desk or dining table for up to four people. With a linoleum and birch wood top and powder-coated steel legs, the coolest thing about this table is that it's available in a bunch of different color combinations- including our favorite, blush and white. An oval dining table is a great compromise between square and round options, and it's a striking way to shape a boxy space. This mid-century table from article pairs sculptural rubberwood legs with a veneered, starburst-style top that delivers only the retro glamour we're after. The table is built to fit four to six people, but reviewers note that it is generously large and could really fit more. Many people are also quick to note that it doesn't scratch or stain easily. Birchlane's Rory dining table is exactly the romantic touch your farm-style home needs. Because it's expandable, it's a great option for those with smaller dining areas who only need extra seating on special occasions. The antique table features an extra sheet that transforms it from a dining area for six to seating for eight in a matter of minutes. The Rory table is made of solid poplar wood and finished with a slightly worn whitewash that gives it a shabby chic feel. If you're on the hunt for a simple yet sophisticated mid-century modern table and you're on a small budget, stop searching and order this Zinus Jen dining table as soon as possible. Buyers are blown away by statement this small and economical table makes in any room. Zinus' dining table is ideal for small dining rooms and even NYC-sized kitchens, plus it suits a family of four. Reviewers testify to the fact that it is easy to and far exceeded their expectations. It's also available in a walnut finish (for a little extra cash), but its natural hue is mid-century to the bone. We are slightly obsessed with CB2's stone collection which, along with a side table and coffee table, includes this beautiful dining table. Why, you ask? We've seen few options that are more unique. Designed by Caleb Zipperer, this vintage-inspired piece of creative layers of stone, brass and glass. While function is always the main purpose of a dining table, this dimensional piece basically acts as an art installation. If you already have a set of show-stopping chairs that you want to be the focal point of your space, opting for a simple and simple table is the way to go. This high-quality, classically designed wooden table from Pottery Barn is pretty much a clean slate for your dining room. The Matteo Extendable Dining Table has a weathered, ailing finish that delivers a subtle warmth and character that won't overwhelm your space. It also features a butterfly leaf that can transform the six-person table into an eight-person table in an instant. Concrete in the dining room? Yes, please. This ingenious sitting situation begins with a sculptural blackened brass base which is then crowned with an industrial leaning concrete tabletop. The result? A rustic but sophisticated table. The overall look of West Elm's Tower Dining Table can be softened with the addition of some upholstered seating (we suggest velvet). That said, you also choose to embrace the more masculine look of the table by purchasing the matching chairs. One of the more unique dining tables we've ever seen, Anthropologie's Anya features a smooth travertine top above cylindrical hardwood legs. It has a real organic feel, so it will instantly add visual interest to your space without overwhelming your existing interior. With a length of 29.5 x 48 inches, the Anya is small enough for a compact dining area, but big enough for four to six people. We recommend pairing it with a statement-making upholstered chair. Hooker is one of our favorite made-in-America furniture companies and this beautiful extendable dining table is an example of their superior craftsmanship. The archivist's timeless design is inspired by both French antiques and traditional farm designs. Of course, the table prioritizes function next to form; it comes with two 18-inch leaves that it can extend to as much as 122 inches long. If you've been looking for an excuse to host more diners, this is definitely it. A lack of space in your dining area doesn't have to be a downer at your next meeting. Yes, even if your dining area looks and feels rather small, it's still possible to entertain with warmth and grace - and to give your friends and family a little extra elbow room too Give. Scroll down now for smart and simple ideas, not for adding square footage in the dining room, but for making the most of every inch you do have available. Bon appetit! SHELF LIFEPhoto: Familiar feature of modern kitchens, open shelving represents a space-smart dining room storage option- one that frees up floor space even while adding visual interest. Best of all, if you're handy enough to drive a few screws, you can handle the installation yourself without having to go through the hassle and cost of working with a contractor. ON THE BENCHPhoto: iheartnaptime.netSimply pit, traditional dining chairs take up more space than basic sofa seats. Remember that. Granted: Chairs are more comfortable, but on those special occasions when you feed a crowd, you can always squeeze more guests if you temporarily swap the chairs for a pair of sturdy sofas - one to walk along each side of the table. Don't you have benches? Make one! RIGHT LIGHTPhoto: manhattan-nest.comA pendant or flush-mount ceiling fixture provides the light you need to dine through, as well as the finishing design touch. Be careful not to go overboard. Overly large or elaborate fixtures dominate small dining rooms, and not in a good way. For a streamlined yet stylish effect, opt instead for a compact fixture in a color that matches the walls. THE BIG PICTUREPhoto: designlovest.comIn a small dining room, once you've added the table and chairs, there's precious little room left for blooms. And if you force those decorations to fit, the room will look crowded and cluttered. So, word to the wise: Resist the temptation to display dozens and dozens of photos. Pursue a more serene look by hanging only one large-scale painting or print. COUNTER POINTPhoto: offbeatandinspired.comIf your dining room lacks the floor space for a full-size table, consider compromising with a smart, space-saving solution like this one. A charming addition and superlative easy to DIY, this corner café hardly projects in the middle of the room, with the accompanying bar stool slipping easily under the table surface when not in use. FLEXIBLE FURNITUREPhotok: ikea.comMultitasking furniture- it's a nice thing because it allows you to do more in less space. For example, while the shelves of a bar cart can hold additional dishes and utensils, the surface can function as a buffet station. Even if you have a sofa with built-in storage, you can place extra guests, even while storing bedding and things out of sight. CURTAIN CALLPhoto: theinspiredroom.netTall curtains create the illusion of higher ceilings and inject a doll of striking color or pattern into the process. For best results, look for the curtain rod as close as possible to the ceiling (not necessarily within the window frame), then to get the job done, add curtains that hang all the way down to the floor, stretching the full height of the wall. OFF THE WALLPhoto: curbly.com via MavenDon doesn't discount the idea of folding chairs. If your dining area would have more seating than you need on a daily basis, you can store the extra seats in a nearby closet until the day you need them. Cabinets already filled to capacity? Capacity? The chairs and mount them right on the wall, with their weight supported by heavy hooks. OPTICAL ILLUSIONPhoto: theartofdoingstuff.comThis is a classic trick, an oldie-but-goodie that works like a charm: Use mirrored surfaces to bounce light through the dining room, promoting an artificial sense of airy openness. Mirrored furniture magically blends in, becoming virtually invisible. But for those who dare less, there is an effective half measure-mounting of a mirror on the wall. TABLE TRANSFORMATIONPhoto: ana-white.comDining tables with droplet leaves have been around for centuries, for a timeless, practical reason - the design makes it quick and easy to expand your table when needed for holidays, parties and other special events. When guests go home, just collapse the leaves (or remove the extensions). Complicated? No. Genius? Absolutely. Absolutely.