

Eat, drink and be merry



1. For a contemporary look, remove an extra glass foot seat. Table and four leather chairs are from £100.

2. Via to the colour of your dining chairs to suit your kitchen. Metal chairs from £40.

3. Hedge your bets. Extending dining tables are a treat for those needing flexibility. Complete set of table and six leather chairs £24 (Showhouse) (1100).

4. Thick leather seats comfort dining chairs as provided from £100 each.

5. You can get leather covered dining tables for a coffee table and set of occasional pieces to match - perfect for an extended entertaining look adding

6. These table runners without chairs are available in regular and extra £100 each.

7. Instead, opt for leather chairs to let light through and keep an eye for to suit their mood.

8. Flip-flops added to dining chairs are easy to remove. Full chairs and covers from £100 per chair (shown in black).

9. Spacious! Tables that stand up to wear and make a statement. Even an extra seat can be transformed into a bar stool.

Of all the great products in this dining world a beautiful dining table anticipating a mouth-watering meal accompanying to the kitchen. For most of us, the dining table has become the star of our home, a place to relax and unwind with a glass of wine and a delicious dinner after a hard day at work. Of course, there are still a few people who need a flag and continue to find their dining area full during the festive period when hard-earned cash-purchases can be perturbed to push off the trolley and smile friends round.

With so much focus on food and smoking, coupled with our love of adult beverages, a really fantastic dining room table is a great investment.

The beauty is finding something that not only fits in with our priorities, fits the needs but someone looks perfectly at home with that gorgeous dinner set brought in an antique store. And, of course, it needs to be able to accommodate 12 friends when we decide to throw a Christmas dinner party if you can't wait your friends you are doing well.

The good news for anyone interested by the sheer range of dining furniture and styles out there, is that help is at hand in the shape of Lorraine Chawson and

her husband and business partner, Carl Sainsbury. Lorraine and Carl have styled some of the most important homes and show homes across the country. Their highly successful company - XS Interiors and XS Showhouse Furniture has a vast range of specialist furniture at their Devonshire design studio and all the design help on hand you'll need to make it work. More interesting is the fact that they also sell pre-loved furniture previously used in high properties for sale and show homes. This means that you and only you can get pre-loved items as rare as old wine that they are immediately available and at very reasonable prices. Fabulous dining collections are available for delivery before Christmas, so get cooking.

Lorraine says that anyone thinking of buying dining furniture should first think about where it will sit. "A lot of new built properties, for example, are coming with dining kitchens, so make sure properly you might want to consider glass, which helps everything open and airy" she says. For those of an urban centre mood, then choosing a table that works the kitchen cabinets looks great while patterned table accents on dining tables and chairs can complement apartments. Again, open-plan living can mean

a dining area is integral to the lounge. In these instances, Lorraine advises against mixing and matching styles, unless the room is large whereby a more subtle look can be considered. For example the right patterned tablecloth just has beautiful the cherry wood and glass dining table and chairs set alongside that an enticing coffee and lamp table within the surrounding living area. Lorraine and Carl have numerous styles to choose from, high back bonded leather dining chairs look fantastic with contemporary glass dining tables and are really practical in kitchen environments. For soft styled chairs can really dress up a table - she says.

A good rule of thumb is to choose furniture as comfortable and stylish that you want to linger at the dining table for hours. Besides, given how long Christmas turkey takes to cook and serve, you might well have to.



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