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The Best Coffee Tables, According to Interior Designers



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While choosing a coffee table may feel like both an overwhelming and an unsexy task, there are things to consider — beyond your overall aesthetic — to make the process a little less daunting. Nina Gottlieb, director of hospitality and contract design at West Elm, points out that it's helpful to consider the proportions and relative mass of each piece in your living room. “Sometimes, if you have a super-leggy couch, you don't want a super-leggy coffee table. Or if you have a sofa that's upholstered all the way to the ground, you don't want a super-massive coffee table because then everything feels too heavy,” she says.

And you shouldn't be afraid to experiment with nontraditional shapes and materials. There are plenty of fun designs out there that range from the tried-and-true (mid-century design, for example, doesn't seem to be going anywhere) to the unexpected (consider a table with pool noodles for legs) that you can incorporate without turning your living room into a mismatched playhouse.

To help you find the coffee table that works best with your budget and your space — whether you want to make it the focus of your room or have it play a more supporting, holding-the-remote-control kind of role — we polled 24 interior designers on their favorites. Below, 50 coffee tables organized by style and material.

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Crate & Barrel Clairemont Oval Coffee Table

Seattle-based designer [LeeAnn Baker](#) recommends this oval coffee table, in a shape she says is especially versatile if you are tight on space. She loves the dark-bronze metal frame and the antiqued mirrored lower shelf, noting that “it reads much more expensive” than its price point. Use the double surfaces for your stacks of coffee-table books — and a place for your friends to put their highballs while watching *Succession*.



Barley Twist Coffee Table

Baker recommends this wooden coffee table inspired by classic Spanish design. A parquet-style inlay top pairs with twisted legs that feel like something out of an old villa. She loves how versatile this transitional (i.e., striking a balance between new and old) piece is, and Griffin agrees, noting that its lighter-wood tone mixes well with more traditional, darker-toned pieces.

\$1,299 at Wisteria

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Arteriors Underhill Cocktail Table

Baker recommends this boxy coffee table, which she says would work just as well in a contemporary room as in one that leans more traditional. She adds that the organic texture and lower height make it a bit more casual. We like that it reminds us of a tiki bar.

\$1,785 at Candelabra