

# TAKE A SEAT

WE'VE CHOSEN OUR FAVOURITE CLASSIC, FANCIFUL AND STATEMENT CHAIRS, PERFECT FOR EVERY OCCASION



## Taste of Italy

This chair may be straight-backed but its beautiful Italian decoration and flourishes invite you to stay awhile. It would work perfectly in the kitchen for sipping a morning espresso, catching up on the news and debating the important issues of the day.

**Do:** Keep the coffee-pot nearby.

**Don't:** Slouch.

● Italian, early 19th century painted pine rush seated bench, £695, [fontainedecorative.com](http://fontainedecorative.com)



## Totally Tropical

Our climate may not be tropical, but these mid-century, American wrought iron lounge chairs would turn up the heat. The bright pinks and yellows, parrot motifs and fringing echo artist Frida Kahlo's bold style and colours, and would look fantastic in a bright room surrounded by leafy plants and succulents.

**Do:** Discover your inner artist.

**Don't:** Kill the greenery.

● Mid-century lounge chairs, £2903, [1stdibs.com](http://1stdibs.com)



## Golden Hour

There's something rather decadent about putting an armchair in a bathroom, almost giving yourself permission to take longer with bathing rituals, away from the hustle of the home. This beautiful, squishy armchair would be just the place to catch up on your favourite book, drink tea or simply gaze out the window and daydream.

**Do:** Light a scented candle.

**Don't:** Bring your phone.

● Similar armchairs can be found at [theoldcinema.co.uk](http://theoldcinema.co.uk)



## Boho Rocks

Nothing says ‘boho’ more effectively than a rattan chair and this vintage example, complete with peacock scrolls, is on rockers for even more of a hippy-chic vibe. Put in the sunniest spot in your home – a conservatory or near a big window – and imagine you’re in a balmy Californian villa. Kick off your shoes, forget convention and listen to your favourite tracks.

**Do:** Wear a floaty kaftan.

**Don’t:** Take yourself too seriously.

● *Vintage rattan wicker rocking chair, £379, lapetitebrocante.net*



## Club Classic

A classic, this vintage leather club armchair is full of charm and character. Add to any scheme, traditional or contemporary, for a dose of comfort and good taste that only gets better with age.

**Do:** Sink into it.

**Don’t:** Forget to get up.

● *Vintage leather club armchair, £875, vintagematters.co.uk*



## It Takes Two

Circa 1910, this English two-seater sofa has just the right cocooning proportions for you and a loved one to sit together and binge-watch the latest TV drama. The grey colourway lends itself to most schemes, or could be jazzed up with cushions.

**Do:** Download Netflix.

**Don’t:** Get square eyes.

● *Two-seater Knole sofa, £1450, fontainedecorative.com*



## Shine Bright like a Diamond

A study in space, form and function, the Bertoia Diamond chair, designed by Harry Bertoia in 1952 and a classic mid-century shape, would grace any dinner table or add elegant industrial edge to a living room. Great for eating and conversation, and more comfortable than you’d think for relaxing in.

**Do:** Add a cushion or sheepskin throw.

**Don’t:** Get a zip caught in the wire mesh.

● *Bertoia Diamond chair, £1100, skandium.com*

# The Office

Once your common or garden office furniture, these chairs have been given a new lease of life with old needlepoints and natural linen. They're already meant to be sat in for ages so try one in the office or study area, but rather than using them for admin or accounts, take inspiration and be creative – write that book, paint a view or get crafty.

**Do:** Try a new skill.

**Don't:** Watch the clock.

● *Reclaimed needlepoint chairs, each one is unique. Visit [re-foundobjects.com](http://re-foundobjects.com) for more details.*

# Lick of Paint

This wooden, painted chair, circa 1800, with Sisal seat (it comes as a pair) has lovely detailing on the back, and would fit well into a vintage interior, complete with crocheted throws and floral prints (see our feature on page eight celebrating a home just like this with tips on how to achieve the look.) The chair would go well at a table or outdoors in a light-filled spot, and be good for taking a seat after planting spring bulbs.

**Do:** Mismatch with other wooden chairs.

**Don't:** Be tempted to stand on it.

● *Italian painted chair, £375 for the pair, [fontainedecorative.com](http://fontainedecorative.com)*



# Once More with Feeling

The Heart Cone chair designed by Verner Panton in 1959 has a striking heart-shaped silhouette, making it ideal for a bedroom or turning an unloved corner or hallway into somewhere altogether more fanciful. Curl up and read *Wuthering Heights*, or, better still, write a love letter – with pen and paper.

**Do:** Embrace your romantic side.

**Don't:** Allow it to be a dumping ground for keys, bags and loose change.

● *Heart Cone chair, around £2400, see [vitra.com](http://vitra.com) for your nearest retailer.*



# Cocktail Hour

In vibrant teal blue, this 1950s Bartholomew cocktail chair is just waiting to be the life and soul of the party. Re-upholstered by Galapagos Design in Kirkby's Underground Bakerloo fabric (inspired by the original London Underground tube chair material) it would sit beautifully next to a low table (complete with a bowl of olives) in a sitting room, or a converted outbuilding, if you're lucky enough to have one, made for parties and games. The perfect place to sip a Cosmopolitan.

**Do:** Dress up.

**Don't:** Spill your drink.

● *Upcycled 1950s cocktail chair, £625, [rockettsgeorge.co.uk](http://rockettsgeorge.co.uk)*

