



Tailored upholstery on simple chairs, and the signature sunburst appearing in a wall-mounted mirror make this dining room Mid-Century Modern. Bold colors paired with muted tones update the look for today's homes.

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They say that history doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme. Nowhere is this truer than in the world of fashion and interior design. Touring this fall's High Point Furniture Market, it was clear that we are in the midst of an ongoing "rhyme" with the mid 20th century. In the 1950s, after years of war and economic depression, society started adjusting to a new set of social norms. People dressed up and pared down, focusing on simpler items with cleaner lines and enduring quality. Today, after a difficult stretch of our own, people are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and the echoes of mid-century style – now called Mid-Century Modern – continue to emerge as people take more risks with their decorating. While Baby Boomers may choose this look for nostalgic reasons, a younger generation is now embracing it too. The iconic sunburst is considered hip and trendy, and symbolizes hope and optimism. The look is elegant without being fussy. Like the fashions of its origin, Mid-Century Modern is slick, tailored and well fitted. This style is minimalistic, but also extremely versatile. Using driftwood tones, it seamlessly blends into a coastal theme. Abundant use of glass and mirrors provides sought-after glitz, and the mixed metals found in this design style pair well with industrial décor.

The key is quality craftsmanship. It's amazing how craftsmanship can influence a piece – or an entire room!

Use light fixtures like this starburst chandelier in a silver-finish to capture the iconic Mid-Century Modern sunburst look. This particular fixture has crystals added for extra drama and glam.



Boxy arms, silver finish, and the clean simple lines of this dining room chair are topped by warm oatmeal colored linen cushions. Using this combination of fabrics and textures pulls the Mid-Century Modern look together and can work in multiple settings.



Gold-toned drawer pulls, trim and leg tips shimmer on this burl wood front dresser making it a versatile piece. In a bedroom it shines as a dresser but in the dining room it can double as a gorgeous buffet.

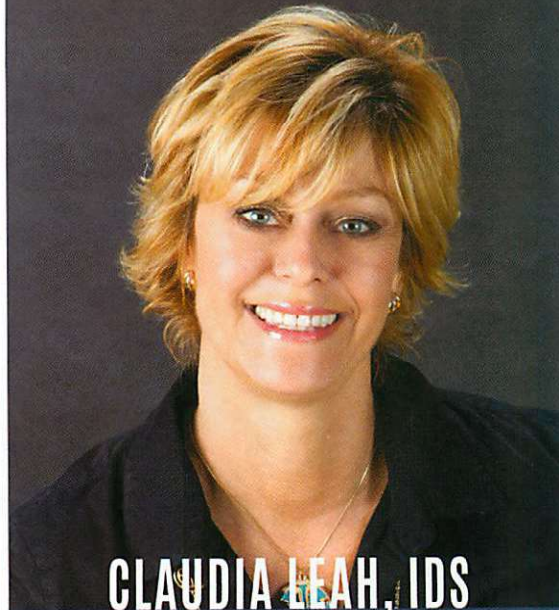


No Mid-Century Modern home would be complete without a gleaming bar cart. This multi tiered one shimmers with gold tones and glass shelves.

Resembling a cross cut of agate, the sinuous curves of this soft-toned wall covering provide an elegant, natural backdrop for the simple lines of Mid-Century Modern furniture.



With an Ebony veneered wood top, solid crystal legs and nickel hardware, this Martini Table is an excellent addition to a Mid-Century Modern drink station. It's also small enough to travel from room to room as the party moves throughout the night.



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