

# Coffee or cocktails?

One dozen coffee table faves brimming with stylish MCM aesthetics and functionality

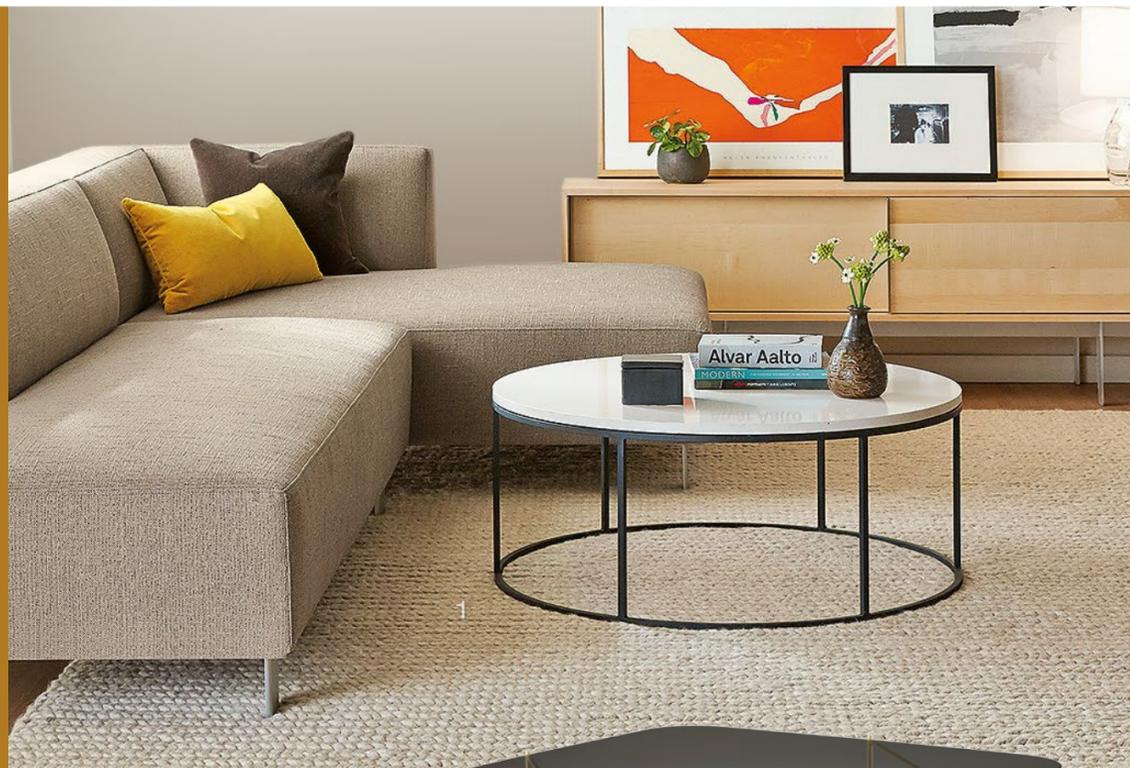
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WHETHER YOU'RE A NIGHT OWL who sets your evening martini on a cocktail table or an early bird who plunks down a steamy cup of joe on the coffee table, the right table for your living space can make or break the room.

A necessary piece for every sofa seating area, these modern-day essentials are good for coffee *and* cocktails. While style options abound, choosing the right table is as much about aesthetics as it is about function.

To select the perfect piece that is as handsome as it is useful, measure the height of your sofa and chairs to determine the proper height. The table should be no lower than one to two inches from the seat of your couch or chair, with the standard height in the range of 16 to 18 inches for a typical sofa. A higher sofa requires a taller table. Tables with multiple tiers provide additional storage, while elaborate bases turn a coffee table into a work of art.

Here are a few of our favorites...



## 1 TYNE

The strength of hand-welded natural steel combined with fine lines gives this table a delicate profile, despite its solid construction. \$1,349. [Roomandboard.com](http://Roomandboard.com)



## 2 CLYDE

An opaque lower tier can be seen below a smoked-glass top, bound together with brass-plated steel. \$1,287. [Ligneroset.com](http://Ligneroset.com)



## 3 ATARI

A glass tabletop presented on a stained walnut base, made by Italian furniture maker Mobili Tredi. [Oh-la-la.us](http://Oh-la-la.us)



## 4 DEAN

An updated mid-century style with a touch of brass. Starting at \$2,600. [Gabriel-scott.com](http://Gabriel-scott.com)

## 5 WICK

Bring big presence to your living area with this retro-inspired design, which is carved, cut, assembled, and detailed by hand for a superior finish. \$1,299. [Joybird.com](http://Joybird.com)



## 7 URBAN GREEN

A contemporary interpretation of iconic table from the past century, this table features solid edging and a low-VOC finish. \$419. [Urbangreenfurniture.com](http://Urbangreenfurniture.com)



## 6 BRENNAN

With each curve of its Space Age silhouette, this nouveau-retro coffee table refuses to fade into history. \$1,099. [Joybird.com](http://Joybird.com)



## 8 BOHEMIAN WORKBENCH

Featuring an inlaid-flush glass top and oil finish, this modern stunner is handcrafted from walnut in Venice Beach. \$2,500. [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com)



## 9 ATRY DESIGN

Select the side, wood variegation, and finish on this shapely handmade table. Starting at \$2,100. [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com)

## 10 CLOVER COFFEE TABLE

With its turned walnut-finished legs, varied surface heights, and antique brass-finished frame, this table is a youthful take on mid-century modern. \$299. [Westelm.com](http://Westelm.com)

## 11 SCANDO

The arching curves and exaggerated flowing lines earned this piece its iconic mid-century modern status. Made to emulate the 1961 original design. \$300. [Overstock.com](http://Overstock.com)



## 12 VERA

A solid white-oak coffee table in mid-century modern style. Tables are made-to-order and can be customized for size and color. [1429mfg.com](http://1429mfg.com)

