



LC4 Chaise Lounge \$2660. Photo courtesy of Design Within Reach.

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MAD FOR MID-CENTURY

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Clean lines, bold colors, durable materials, cool demeanor. That's mid-century modern. Over fifty years old, the movement is in its second, maybe third well-deserved resuscitation, but this time it may be granted eternal life. Boasting names like Noguchi, Eames, Saarinen and Bertoia and propelled by the International and Bauhaus design movements, mid-century design has transcended the limitations of its moniker, suiting not only the tastes of the Eisenhower era, but making sense in the age of Obama as well. Simultaneously avant-garde and antique, sophisticated and simple, mid-century modern is at home in almost any setting, slipping effortlessly into décors of all kinds. Accent pieces can add interest without dominating a theme — a strategically placed starburst clock can supply drama or whimsy; an arch floor lamp or a Sputnik chandelier can be retro or up-to-the-minute hip. Collectible pieces become a focal point — an Eames chair needs only the company of its matching ottoman to make a statement; a Le Corbusier chaise needs nothing at all. And while purists might insist on hunting down originals which command collector price tags, good knockoffs are available as well. Whatever the incarnation, mid-century modern design is sure to raise the cool factor of any space.✚



Nelson Sunburst Clock \$385. Photo courtesy of Design Within Reach

Eames Lounge and Ottoman \$3599. Photo courtesy of Design Within Reach



Italian Fruitwood Chair. Photo courtesy of Spinario Design



Barrel Sofa by Vladimir Kagan, \$9500. Photo courtesy of Haute Living

