

Have a Seat

An interior designer creates a furniture collection that captures the Mid Century Modern spirit for the current age.



MID CENTURY MODERN INSPIRED FURNITURE is a wonderful way to integrate the style into everyday life. No one understands this better than Marie Burgos, the founder and CEO of Marie Burgos Design, a bi-coastal, full-service interior design firm, and the visionary behind a home décor collection called Marie Burgos Collection.

FOUNDATIONS

Marie's foray into furniture designing began after she created bespoke pieces for clients and saw a wider demand for her pieces, which embody the modernist sensibility. "Mid Century Modern pieces are about creating harmony in an interior," she says. "The style is unfussy, simple and elegantly luxurious-looking at the same time."

No one is better suited to design unique furniture pieces than Marie. Creativity is a family inheritance. Her family, who hails from the island of Martinique, has a rich pedigree of artistic expression, with members in the culinary, art and music worlds. Marie herself studied business and marketing and had a corporate career as an executive in the restaurant industry for over 15 years before finding her way to interior design.

In 2008, Marie opened her firm in New York and has been expanding since then. "We launched our furniture line in 2018 and also curate light fixtures and other organic home décor pieces that reflect my desire to create well-being for people," Marie says. Her unique background brings a variety of influences to her work. She says, "My culture is a mix of



French architecture and colorful Caribbean blend. I use feng shui principles, and Mid Century Modern goes well with it because Mid Century Modern pieces are about creating harmony."

NURTURING PIECES

Her furniture designs include a variety of tables with minimalistic shapes and seating options that blend lush, colorful fabrics with elegant wood frames. "I love the combination of clean lines with curves and the natural ergonomic nature of Mid Century Modern furniture," Marie says. "These create naturally nurturing pieces."

Marie designs her pieces along with her husband and finds inspiration from her clients' projects. "An idea for a product usually comes from a need we have to make something special for a client or to respond to design challenges encountered in the field," she explains. From the first sketch to the final adjustments, Marie and her husband work alongside their artisan makers to fulfill their vision. The pieces interpret modernist style for the present

(LEFT) IN ADDITION TO MARIE'S OWN FURNITURE LINE, SHE ALSO CURATES LIGHT FIXTURES AND DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES, INCLUDING THIS CHANDELIER FROM DESIGN BY US.



time. Each one, wherever it's placed, fills the space with ebullience, coherence and style—just as the best Mid Century Modern pieces always do.

MCM Inspirations

Marie finds muses in past furniture designers; their distinctive styles feed her creativity.

- "One of my furniture icons is Vladimir Kagan," Marie says. She loves his famous curved lounge chairs and finds inspiration in their shapes and fabrications.
- In contrast to the fullness of Vladimir Kagan's designs, Marie also enjoys the slim elegance of Hans J. Wegner's seating collections. "I particularly appreciate the Wishbone chair," she says.
- "These designers created pieces that became classics for all interiors and are still highly prized today," Marie says. "They left an amazing legacy."

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