

Retro Revival for 1970s Furniture



1. [Set of Four Chairs and Dining Table](#) , Saporiti, £ 5,950. 2. [Set of Eight Chrome and Gilt High Back Dining Chairs in Original Fabric](#), England, 1970s. £ 3,950 3. [Octagonal Tropical Hardwood, Chrome and Glass Centre Table](#), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, £ 1,750. 4. [Pair of Bauhaus D-42 Chrome and Leather Tubular Chairs](#), Mies Van der Rohe, Germany, 1970s, £ 2,200. All from www.decoratum.com London.

Looking to the past is a great way to inspire creative contemporary interiors, and the 1970s provides an exceptional treasure trove of stylish pieces. The 1970s was the decade of bold colours, even bolder prints and experimental forays into new materials for the home, and the furniture of the period is experiencing a huge revival.

Colour palettes were rich and dark, with browns, purples, oranges and yellows widely used in the home. Furniture was modernistic and future-focused, with little reference to antiques and more emphasis on clean, modern lines.

The 1970s embraced new materials such as molded plastics and also saw a revival in the popularity of teak and other dark or heavily grained woods, whilst chrome and glass were also widely used in dining tables and chairs. Other typical designs of the 1970s include the ubiquitous shag-pile carpet, textured walls, lacquered furniture, embellished lampshades, lava lamps and the beanbag chair. Whilst some of these designs fell out of favour in the following decades, the growing 70's revival is successful in its effect by focusing attention on one or two statement pieces.

One of the hottest spots for sourcing original 1970's designs is London's furniture store and gallery Decoratum. Owner Jeff Salmon explains: "What was once considered by some gaudy or out of vogue is now hugely fashionable again. If you have a 1970s piece in your home it is instantly recognisable as vintage, and while 70s furniture can be quite outrageous and over the top, one or two pieces in a contemporary home can really bring a sense of quirky retro style to a place."

Decoratum boasts one of Europe's largest and most exciting collections of 20th century and contemporary furniture designs. Located beneath the much-loved Alfie's market in London and now with a second gallery on Church Street, Decoratum is a must-see for lovers of vintage and contemporary furniture. Decoratum welcomes visitors and buyers alike, and a wander through the gallery will showcase a fascinating display of quirky sculptures, original artwork and vintage and contemporary furniture of all descriptions.

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