WHERE DESIGN LIVES

Lounge Act

5

Chairs—in tactile textures and forms take center stage while we recharge at home. Daiki, Minotti Daiki manages a rare feat for a seat: It evokes a mideenturymodern vibe without looking played out. Conceived for Minotti by designer Marcio Kogan, who was inspired after many trips to Japan, the armchair marries the elegant simplicity of Japanese design with the bold, clean lines of American modernism. The cushions are embedded in a wood shell, which is perched upon metal legs–a material juxtaposition that further adds to the seat's appeal. Daiki is indisputably the hero of Minotti's latest collection. Armchair with armrests, starting at \$7,985; without armrests, starting at \$6,490



2 Arp, Dmitriy & Co.

The Arp chair's beauty lies in its simplicity. The piece plays with geometry–at its core, it's merely three shapes put together–and renders lines and angles in warm, subtle fabrics. Arp is made to be a pleasure to perch upon as well: The back and seat are soft with down (wrapped around a supportive foam core on the seat). In other words, it's a cozy chair that majors in style. \$4,250

3 Corolla, Billiani

Trends rise and fall, but mainstays like Billiani's Corolla armchair never die. The Italian maker has been crafting chairs for more than 100 years and knows details matter. The Corolla gets a dash of fresh perspective courtesy of new creative director Cristina Celestino, who gave the seat extra interest with a wavy line that wraps around the base. Traditional, but with a new edge. About \$1,510

4 Kite, Stellar Works

A backrest, while comfortable, is often an aesthetic afterthought. It's the star of the show for Nendo's Kite chair, however, towering over the seat itself. And it's not just for looks: It lends privacy, closing the sitter off from the world on either side. Designed for Stellar Works, Kite is striking, but also plenty functional. *Starting at \$1,870*

5 Hathi, DeMuro Das

Wingbacks don't get much more dramatic than the Hathi by DeMuro Das, a design firm based in New Delhi and New York. Leather upholstery and lacquer-black legs give the cocooning chair a sleek, understated look, a smart juxtaposition to its exaggerated wingsor ears, as DeMuro Das interprets them. "Hathi" is derived from the Hindi word for elephant. \$6,500 Helena Madden