

In 1987, Hans J. Wegner marked his lifelong career producing design masterpieces by releasing '58/68' – a practical, durable and comfortable dining chair, from \$2095. greatdanefurniture.com.au

2_FRENCH STYLE

Designed by Charlotte Perriand in 1927 for her flat in Paris, the 'LC7' chair, \$4667, for Cassina, is a versatile piece. spacefurniture.com.au

3_CANE AND ABLE

Marcel Breuer's 'S 64' chair for Thonet GmbH, \$2095, is cleverly cantilevered using a sophisticated combination of tubular steel, wood and cane. anibou.com.au



Inspired by the body, Mario Bellini's '412 Cab' dining chair (1977), from \$2860, for Cassina, combines steel and stitched leather. spacefurniture.com.au

5_BAMBOOZLED

Based on a retro bamboo armchair, DePadova's 'Uragano' wood and wicker chair, from \$2680, is ideal for casual dining spaces. *boffistudia com au*

Dinner party

Look to the classics for dining chairs with staying power.

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JULIETTE ARENT of Arent&Pyke (pictured with *Belle* interior design editor Lucy McCabe) believes that "as designers we make it our mission to sculpt every last detail of an interior so the materiality, function and aesthetics of a space are perfectly suited to those who inhabit it. As such, everything, from the walls in, can be modelled, tweaked and custom made. For me, the exception is the dining chair – an item of furniture I dare not meddle with. Engineering,

restraint and practicality are paramount – and a dining chair must be comfortable. I am a huge fan of the classics and for good reason. Most chairs we now take for granted – a simple bentwood or Breuer's beautiful 'Cesca' chair – have all come from groundbreaking innovations, like bending wood with steam as Michael Thonet did at the turn of the 20th century, or Marcel Breuer utilising non-reinforced tubular steel to create the B32/'Cesca' chair." *arentpyke.com*

LUCY WEARS REBECCA VALLANCE BLAZER, SCANLAN THEODORE PANTS AND PRADA PUMPS





Once designed for the Indian Government's administrative buildings during the 1950s, Pierre Jeanneret's teak and cane chair, \$9750, is now a sought-after collectable for homes

around the world. Istdibs.com