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Festive Tables

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November is the ideal time to focus on your dining space before the annual invasion of family and friends.

Open plan living means our dining areas are now multifunctional spaces - however, with a bit of thought you can get the space perfect for family get-togethers and festive frolics. Rebecca Tucker, of award-winning Suna Interiors Design, suggests striking a balance between an upholstered chair and a plain kitchen chair by checking out design classics - the Eames Eiffel chairs or Tolix coloured metal industrial chairs are features in themselves. Benches are perfect for narrow spaces.

'They're a great option for family and friends at gatherings as you can squeeze people around the table for less formal dining,' says Kerry Walters, of Tablemakers. 'Round and curved tables are particularly sociable but they cut off some of the potential seating area, so these work better in bigger rooms,' adds Kerry.

If you are tight on space, a dining table that's part of the kitchen island is the way to go. Curves are very current according to Stuart White, of Bushboard: 'The softer curve naturally draws people in towards each other which feels more sociable, as opposed to sitting in a line along a straight edged island.'

A central light fixture over your dining area will really define the space - and lighting on different levels creates depth. Don't forget the simple



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