

HOW TO STYLE A COFFEE TABLE

It should be both functional and pretty, giving your room a point of circulation but also providing a landing pad for necessities. So how do you make a coffee table work for you? First, consider how you use it. Is it a workhorse for remotes, a place to hold drinks as you entertain or somewhere to put your feet up? Check out these two options, designed for us by Bryan Sillery of HW Home.



MIX AND MATCH THIS TRADITIONAL TABLE COMBINES METALLIC AND EARTHY TOUCHES.

Go traditional

Top a wooden table with a few well-loved possessions that reflect the homeowners. At least two-thirds of the table should be visible, Sillery says—when in doubt, remove one object. Add a tray or box to store remotes and coasters and prevent “coffee table pollution.” Finally, consider including greenery, whether fresh-cut roses or planted succulents; organics instantly create a sense of peace and welcome.

Get the look

1. The **Contra cocktail table**, made of grisar wood with brass legs, is a statement piece in itself. \$2,250.
2. Sillery topped a **Dakota Camel bone tray**, \$425, with an assortment of books chosen for both their content and their warm, pinkish hues. Sitting atop the books are a glass orb and a shimmering **Carroll Boyes nut bowl**, \$55.
3. A **Rastro odd bowl**, \$255, filled with succulents, sits next to ceramic vessels of varying heights.
4. The **Lorraine sofa**, \$1,850, is topped with **Alene pillows**.

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Go bohemian

Traditional not your thing? Oversized ottomans work great to combat the fear of “Grandma’s living room.” They’re comfortable and double the seating if you have a full house of party guests. A large tray like this one works its magic to keep your collections together, offer a place to rest a beverage and snacks and add some stability to the upholstered top.

Get the look

1. With its leather patchwork, this **Eros cocktail ottoman**, \$1,990, adds great texture to the room.
2. A **Toluca throw blanket**, \$165, draped over one corner doubles up on the cozy factor.
3. The book **“Biophilia”** by Christopher Marley, opened to a gorgeous spread of pages, is bound to be a conversation starter.
4. **Molten wall art**, \$135 each, manage to bring both metallics and earth tones to the space.
5. A columnar **Saint Etienne lamp**, \$495, atop a **Stewart side table**, \$1,150, complete the look.

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