

GUEST DESIGN EXPERT, interior designer Brendan Wong (pictured, with market editor Lucy McCabe), has some advice on choosing occasional chairs. “Scale is important. The chair should be in proportion to the existing furniture in the room. I favour chairs with legs that balance the solid mass above.”

Seated on a ‘Fulgens’ armchair by Antonio Citterio, a personal favourite, he says “With an enveloping form and a beautiful shellac finish to the frame it’s a truly transitional armchair that could work in either a sharp contemporary space or a detailed traditional parlour.” Here are the duo’s top chair designs.



1_TAKING FLIGHT

The McGuire ‘Butterfly’ chair features sweeping wing-like rattan arms. cavitco.com

2_LIGHT FANTASTIC

Delicate proportions make Bolier & Co’s ‘Berkeley’ chair an elegant piece. cavitco.com

3_CLOSE ENCOUNTER

The divided cushion of B&B Italia’s ‘Husk’ chair forms an embracing shape. spacefurniture.com.au

4_VINTAGE VIBE

Designed in the 1930s by Alvar Aalto, the ‘Paimio’ chair still impresses today. anibou.com.au

5_CROSSING OVER

Maxalto’s ‘Fulgens’ chair works with modern and traditional schemes. spacefurniture.com.au

Chair masters

Whether in leather, rattan, or fully upholstered, the best seat in the house is high on style and comfort.

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6_CANE AND ABLE
Consisting of traditionally shaped and bound natural rattan, 'Curve' by Cane-Line is a lightweight chair ideal for relaxed living. spenceandlyda.com.au

7_ASIAN PERSUASION
Newly upholstered and polished, the Mastercraft chair (c1960s) continues to respect its Asian-inspired heritage. 1stdibs.com



15_SOFT LANDING
The minimal steel frame of Skeehan's 'Setto' chair cradles an enveloping cushion that wraps over the edges to offer ultimate comfort. catapultdesign.net.au

The sophisticated construction of the 'Cortina' chair (below) by Minotti appears to defy gravity. dedece.com



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8_HIDE AND SLEEK
Oly San Francisco's 'Maude' chair pairs a solid hardwood frame with a buttery soft leather cushion to stunning effect. cocorepublic.com.au

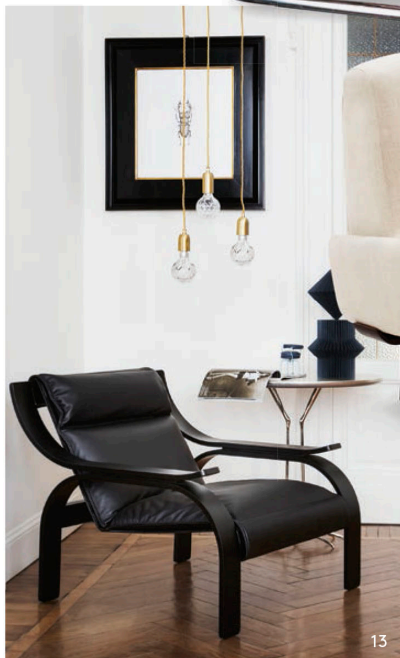
9_BLUE MOOD
The shapely 'No. 20' armchair by Brabbu is upholstered entirely in a blue twill fabric, making it the perfect accent piece. brabbu.com



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10_PAST BLAST
Stellar Works' 'QT Chillax' chair incorporates playful retro details – a contemporary nod to mid-century design. livingedge.com.au

11_BARREL UP
The base that forms Note Design Studio's 'Tonella' chair for Spanish brand Sancal was inspired by the staves of wine barrels seen in southern Spain. kezu.com.au



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13_GEOMETRY RULES
The structure of Cassina's 'Woodline' chair was based on the geometry of the circle, ensuring its classic precision. cultdesign.com.au



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12_ON REPEAT
With its simple shape, wing-like arms and delicately tapered legs the 'PO 801' armchair (c1960s) has been rediscovered and re-issued for today. espasso.com