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Best Dining Chairs of 2024

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The best dining chairs for you will depend on a wide range of factors. Dawn Frattarelli, owner and certified interior decorator at [Interiors by Dawn](#), explains that style is one aspect that you'll want to pay close attention to. She says, "Determine the overall style of your dining area and choose chairs that complement it. Whether your style is modern, traditional, rustic, or eclectic, there are chairs available to match."

Beyond that, your budget, care and cleaning preferences, space constraints, and body type may also impact which dining chairs you ultimately choose. Below, we'll explore some of the best dining chairs to meet a range of needs and preferences.

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Best Overall

Pottery Barn Adrian Dining Chair »



PROS:

✓ Solid wood frame

CONS:

✗ Pricey

- ✔ Contract-grade construction
- ✔ Can coordinate with different decor styles

✘ Only comes in one fabric option

Buy From Pottery Barn

The Pottery Barn Adrian Dining Chair is a contract-grade option, meaning it meets rigorous standards for safety. The frame is made from solid rubber wood, which is known for its strength and sustainability. For comfort, this option offers an upholstered seat and back cushion. The cushions are made from polyurethane foam and are covered with Basketweave Slub, a textured fabric with a heathered appearance.

These chairs are only available in one fabric color option, oatmeal. However, the color is neutral and can coordinate with a variety of decor schemes. Moreover, the chair’s overall design with its gray-washed wood frame and upholstered seat makes it a versatile option. It could fit nicely in a range of dining spaces, from formal dining rooms to spaces with a more casual feel.

Specs

Price:	\$449
Material:	Solid rubber wood frame; basketweave slub upholstery; polyurethane foam seat and back
Dimensions:	19 in. W x 22.5 in. D x 37.5 in. H
Arms:	No

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Best Budget

IKEA SKOGSTA Chair »



PROS:

- ✓ Inexpensive
- ✓ Available in two finish options
- ✓ Made from solid acacia wood

CONS:

- ✗ No padding or upholstery
- ✗ No armchair option

[Buy From IKEA](#)

If you want to keep your costs down when purchasing new dining chairs, then take a look at the IKEA SKOGSTA Chair. Costing \$65, this chair is significantly cheaper than the other chairs on our list. The SKOGSTA offers a traditional look with an arched backrest and spindles across the back. It has flared legs with a crossbar for added support or to give you a place to rest your feet as you dine.

The chair is made from solid acacia wood. There are two different finish options: clear lacquer that provides a lighter, natural look and black stain for

a solid, darker appearance. The chair is tested to support up to 243 pounds.

Specs

Price:	\$65
Material:	Solid acacia wood
Dimensions:	18.125 in. W x 21.625 in. D x 37 in. H
Arms:	No

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[Buy From IKEA »](#)

Best Upholstered

Jair King Louis Back Side Chair (Set of 2) »



PROS:	CONS:
✔ Eight different	✗ Relatively large footprint

upholstery

colors/patterns available

✗ Some assembly necessary

Buy From Wayfair

- ✓ Foam-padded seat and back
- ✓ Stain-resistant

This pair of King Louis Back Side Chairs from Jair can add a touch of elegance to your dining room. They have an upholstered padded seat cushion and back to keep you and your guests comfortable as you dine. With eight different upholstery color and pattern options, there are selections to match a variety of dining spaces. Choose from beige, dark teal, light gray, dark blue striped, gray striped, dark blue plaid, gray plaid, or black and white. Notably, each fabric choice is stain-resistant.

The chairs feature a solid wood frame with tapered legs. They are tested to support up to 250 pounds. If you’re short on time, the good news is that these dining chairs are ready to ship and can be delivered to your doorstep in about one week.

Specs

Price:	\$319.99
Material:	Solid wood frame; Polyester upholstery
Dimensions:	19.75 in. W x 25.25 in. D x 39.75 in. H
Arms:	No

EXPAND LIST ▾

Buy From Wayfair »

Best Leather

Crate & Barrel Zanni Leather Dining Chair »



PROS:

- ✓ Features top-grain leather
- ✓ Cushioned seat and back
- ✓ Two leather upholstery options

CONS:

- ✗ Not ready to ship immediately
- ✗ Expensive

[Buy From Crate & Barrel](#)

Enjoy the refined look and sumptuous feel of the Crate & Barrel Zanni Leather Dining Chair. This chair is fully upholstered with top-grain leather, making it an upscale option that can add charm and sophistication to your dining space. There are two different leather shades to choose from: camel and graphite.

Crate and Barrel designed these chairs with an engineered wood frame for support and stability. A polyfoam and fiber fill provides cushioning for the

back and seat of the chair. Take note, the upscale look of these chairs comes with a price tag to match. Each one costs \$699.

Specs

Price: \$699

Material: Engineered wood frame; top-grain leather upholstery; polyfoam and fiber filling

Dimensions: 21.75 in. W x 23.5 in. D x 33.25 in. H

Arms: No

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[Buy From Crate & Barrel »](#)

Best Wood

Pottery Barn Aaron Dining Chair »



PROS:

- ✓ Solid kiln-dried rubber wood construction for boosted durability
- ✓ Four finish options
- ✓ 275-pound capacity

CONS:

- ✗ A bit pricey
- ✗ Cushion sold separately

Buy From Pottery Barn

The Aaron Dining Chair from Pottery Barn is constructed with solid wood for quality and durability. It is made from sustainably harvested rubber wood, which is known for its strength. Before production, the rubber wood is kiln-dried, making it less susceptible to splitting, warping, or cracking. The wood is then hand-finished using a special layering technique for added aesthetic appeal. The chair has a solid construction that features corner blocks and mortise-and-tenon joinery. It’s a contract-grade option, so it meets commercial standards for durability.

You can choose from a gray wash, seadrift, mahogany, and smoked nutmeg finish, which allows shoppers to customize the look to best coordinate with their dining room. While this chair is not upholstered or cushioned, Pottery Barn does offer a cushion for it. The cushion is sold separately and is available in 28 different colors and patterns.

Specs

Price:	\$349 & Up
Material:	Kiln-dried solid rubber wood
Dimensions:	22 in. W x 23.5 in. D x 37 in. H
Arms:	Optional

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Buy From Pottery Barn »

Best for Small Spaces

All Modern Hartford Dining Chair »



PROS:

- ✓ Sleek mid-century modern design
- ✓ Solid wood frame
- ✓ Ready to ship immediately

CONS:

- ✗ Only one design option available
- ✗ No back cushion or padding

[Buy From All Modern](#)

If you have a small dining table or dining room, the All Modern Hartford Dining Chairs might be a good fit for you. Each of the two chairs in this set measures just 18 inches wide and 18 inches deep – a more compact frame than any of the other options in this guide.

These chairs feature a mid-century modern design with their sleek frame, open back, and splayed legs. The curved backrest at the top of the frame completes the look, adding both style and comfort to the design.

Made with a kiln-dried solid wood frame, the Hartford Dining Chairs are designed with durability in mind. They also have an upholstered seat cushion for comfort. The dark maple finish of the frame and medium-gray seat cushion provide a sophisticated look that will pair beautifully with a range of dining spaces.

Specs

Price:	\$220
Material:	Kiln-dried solid wood; Fabric upholstery; Polyester fill
Dimensions:	18 in. W x 18 in. D x 30 in. H
Arms:	No

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[Buy From All Modern »](#)

Best for Durability

Ruggable Scandinavian Dining Chair »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Machine-washable upholstery
- ✓ Available in more than 50 fabric options
- ✓ Solid rubber wood frame

CONS:

- ✗ Back is lower than other options
- ✗ Assembly is required

[Buy From Ruggable](#)

The Ruggable Scandinavian Dining Chair might appeal to those who are worried about their dining chairs getting ruined by spills from children or other dinner guests. The unique design of these chairs makes it possible to easily remove the upholstered seat and back. Once removed, users can pull off the cover and clean it in their washing machine. With more than 50 different cover fabric options available, there are colors and patterns to coordinate with nearly any dining space.

Beyond the easy-to-care-for upholstery, the chairs feature a solid rubber wood frame for added stability and durability. Walnut and white oak stains are available to help you coordinate with your space.

Specs

Price: \$219

Material: Solid rubber wood frame; machine-washable upholstery; high-resilience foam seat and back

Dimensions: 18.25 in. W x 22.5 in. D x 31.5 in. H

Arms: No

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[Buy From Ruggable »](#)

The Bottom Line

When you think about your design and comfort preferences, it's easier to narrow down dining chair options and find a good fit. "Whenever possible, try out the chairs before making a purchase. Sit on them, and assess the overall comfort and fit," says Frattarelli of Interiors by Dawn. Additionally, she highlights the importance of setting a budget before shopping for a new dining chair. She explains, "This will help you narrow down your options and focus on chairs that are within your price range."

Things To Consider When Buying Dining Chairs

Material: Pay close attention to the materials used to make each dining chair or set that you're considering. Jonathan Warshaw, founder of [Simple Woodworker](#), an online resource for woodworkers of all skill levels, shares that "durability and maintenance are key when choosing material." Material will also play an important

role in determining how comfortable the chairs will be and how they will coordinate with your home's decor.

"Wood, leather, and rust-resistant metal are popular choices. Wood offers classic appeal, leather is easy to clean and ages well, and metal can provide a modern touch with low maintenance," says Warshaw. Chairs made of engineered wood or those with upholstered legs may not be as durable or long-lasting as their solid wood or metal counterparts.

Some chairs also have upholstered seat cushions. These may add more padding or support, but can also be more difficult to clean than chairs without upholstery. If you desire an upholstered chair, consider looking for one with an easy-to-clean fabric, particularly if you have children or pets. Frattarelli shares, "When working with clients, I tend to look for performance fabrics. Performance fabrics are designed to be durable, stain-resistant, and easy to clean. When evaluating which performance fabric to use, check the manufacturer's cleaning instructions to ensure that the fabric is suitable for your specific needs."

Height: Dining chairs will not be comfortable if they are not the correct height. The ideal height for your chairs will vary depending on the height of the table they'll be used with. For example, if you have a standard-height dining room table, you'll need shorter chairs than someone who has a counter-height table.

On average, standard-height tables range between 28 and 32 inches tall. Ideally, you'll want to leave between 10 and 12 inches of clearance between the top of the seat and the underside of the table. This will keep you close enough to your food without making your legs feel too tight or pressed up against the top of the table. The 18-inch height of a standard dining chair should work with most tables, but think about the specific measurements of your table and any other comfortable considerations as you shop. Similarly, because counter-height tables are between 34 and 36 inches tall, chairs with a height between 24 and 26 inches tend to work best for them.

Beyond looking at just the seat height, also consider the overall height of the chair (and how tall the backrest is). A taller backrest can offer better support than one that stops in the middle of your back. Warshaw of Simple Woodworker says, "The crest of the chair should ideally be 1-2 inches higher than the tabletop. This height provides visual interest and ensures comfortable seating and ease of use at the table."

Arms: As you shop, you will need to decide whether you want any (or all) of your dining chairs to have arms. Chairs with arms can be more comfortable and supportive. They provide a spot to rest your arms and can make it easier to get into or out of the chair. Armchairs can also offer a more stately look, adding elegance to a formal dining room. Traditionally, armchairs are placed at the head of the table, with side chairs (no arms) on the two sides.

While there are some benefits to armchairs, you might decide that they are not the right choice for your table. Armchairs take up more space than side chairs. This can make it more difficult to slide the chairs under the table and to fit chairs next to one another along the sides of the table. They are also generally more expensive than armless chairs. Consider the layout of your dining room, the overall look you're trying to create, and your budget to determine whether you want armchairs around the entire table, armchairs at the heads of the table, and side chairs around the rest of the table, or only side chairs for the entire table.

Support: Support and comfort are key when choosing dining chairs. You want to be able to sit and enjoy your meal and linger at the table to chat after eating without feeling uncomfortable. You want your guests to feel the same way. As mentioned above, dining chairs with arms offer more support than armless chairs. Additionally, chairs with a higher back can offer more support for the neck and back of individuals than chairs with a short back.

Sturdier frames made out of high-quality materials will also offer greater support. The sturdiness of a chair relates to its weight capacity. Frattarelli of Interiors by Dawn suggests testing out dining chairs before making a purchase. "Sit on them and check for any wobbling or instability. Chairs with a solid construction and strong legs will provide a safe and secure seating experience," she explains.

While sturdiness and strength are factors that all shoppers should consider, they may be especially important for those with a larger body type. Most dining chairs should support between 200 and 250 pounds, but, if needed, there are also models with a higher weight capacity.

Style: The style of each dining chair should be closely considered as you shop. After all, the chairs you place around your table will be a prominent feature of the dining room, so you want to make sure that you are happy with how they appear. If you're keeping your current dining table (or have already purchased one), think about

whether or not the chair will coordinate with it. Additionally, think about other furniture in the space – such as sideboards or china cabinets – and the overall decor scheme.

As you shop, you'll find that dining chairs come in a range of styles and designs (from traditional to ultra-modern), making it possible to find something for nearly any space.

How We Chose the Best Dining Chairs

We synthesized information from a variety of sources when curating this list of the best dining chairs. Part of the process involved thorough research of the different products on the market and reviewing the feedback from professional reviewers. We also took ratings and reviews from everyday customers into account. Moreover, our selection process involved considering the input and recommendations from experts in the industry, including Jonathan Warshaw, a professional woodworker and founder of [Simple Woodworker](#), an online resource for woodworkers of all skill levels, and Dawn Frattarelli, a certified interior decorator at [Interiors by Dawn](#). We were also careful to make sure our selections represented a variety of styles, materials, and price points to better serve a range of preferences and budgets.

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FAQ

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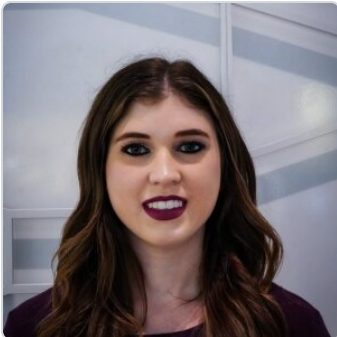
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