



## The Inside Story of Metal Furniture

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WHEN METAL furniture moved indoors and spread itself all through the house, it took a new lease on life. The result is a series of delightful designs that do wonderful things for all kinds of settings. Special praise goes to the cleverly styled chairs of new dining groups. Combining metal frameworks with cane or wire backs and textured plastic upholstery, they are both handsome and practical. Tables come round or square, as you like them, with laminated plastic tops that take all the hard use a busy family dishes out. Also worth your attention are work-saving serving carts, some of which convert into roomy dining tables. In either black or bronze finishes, these new metal furnishings bring distinctive design notes into your home and need only minimum care.

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Rolling cart with two removable trays and wire-mesh basket for flatware provides easy service "on location." Bronze-metal chairs feature smart cane backs.



Dinette chairs get the high-fashion treatment: cheery provincial plastic upholstery and vertical balusters. Matching bronze-metal table has woodlike plastic top.



Classic simplicity that wears well is the design note for this dining group and buffet. Beige plastic upholstery blends with wood-grained plastic table top.

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