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Panton chair by Verner Panton
 design that looks as contemporary today as it did 50 years ago.
Buy the real thing £177.10, nest.co.uk
Copy the look Curve one piece chair, £59, Dwell

Ball chair by Eero Aarnio
 Designed in 1968, this futuristic chair has starred in countless sci-fi movies and graced the covers of many fashion magazines.
Buy the real thing £5150, Design Shop UK
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Shaker slat back No.5 chair
 Like all Shaker furniture, the No.5 has no frivolous adornments.
Buy the real thing From £469, Shaker of Malvern
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20 hot chairs

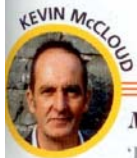
Invest in iconic designs that will hold their value better than your bank account, or copy the look for less

Wassily chair by Marcel Breuer
 Originally made with a canvas seat stretched over the steel frame, the chair was named after the artist Wassily Kandinsky, who ordered one for his studio.
Buy the real thing £1023, The Couch Potato Company
Copy the look Vasili-Wassily chair, £215, Dwell



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Long chair by Marcel Breuer
 Hungarian-born Breuer designed the Long Chair in 1936 after being told the British weren't ready for his steel designs.
Buy the real thing £1250, Places and Spaces
Copy the look Poang Armchair, £59, Ikea



My favourite chair...
 'Being 6ft 2in tall, I find it difficult to find a chair that's really comfortable. But every time I sit in Marcel Breuer's Long chair I fall asleep.'

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Series 7 chair by Arne Jacobsen

Used in the infamous sixties photograph of call girl Christine Keeler, it was voted favourite chair by House Beautiful readers this year.

Buy the real thing £238, The Lollipop Shoppe

Copy the look Rondo dining chair, £99, Purves and Purves



Grand Confort armchair by Le Corbusier

The exposed frame gives this model its distinctive style.

Buy the real thing £3228, The Contemporary Home

Copy the look Le Corbusier LC2, £561.96, Go Modern



The Thonet chair by Michael Thonet

The original mass-produced flatpack furniture, from 1859, has sold over 150 million worldwide.

Buy the real thing £510, Aram

Copy the look BEN1 Bentwood Bistro chair, £69, CPW Furniture



The deckchair

As much a part of the British seaside and parks as ice cream, the humble deckchair has earned its place in the top 20 list. The simple design forces you to relax as the shape makes it difficult to sit up straight.

Buy the real thing £69.50, Southsea Deckchairs

Copy the look Stripe deckchair, £20, Tesco (pictured)



Barcelona chair by Ludwig Mies van de Rohe

Fit for royalty, this throne-like seat was developed for the Barcelona International Exhibition in 1929. Both the king and queen of Spain sat on it!

Buy the real thing £3121 (plus VAT), Spacecraft

Copy the look Mayfair chair, £244.69, Argos



My favourite chair... "The most iconic place to put one's bum is a deckchair. It's removed more British fingertips than any other gadget but it's the most comfortable seat in the world. Just make sure it's covered in something worthwhile like purple and black damask."

Bibendum chair by Eileen Gray

Designed for a private client in 1925, this model became famous when Aram began producing it in the 1970s.

Buy the real thing £2760, Aram

Copy the look Bibendum chair, £688, Iconic Interiors



My favourite chair... "The Bibendum hugs you like a chair should, but it has a strict elegance too."



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My favourite chair...

'This chair is curvaceous, comfortable and improves beautifully with age. A great experimenter, Charles Eames has blended steam-bent plywood with soft, voluptuous leather upholstery.'



Cherner chair by Norman Cherner

Until recently it was only possible to see this 1958 armchair in a museum but having been reissued, this sculptural bent plywood chair is available to buy.

Buy the real thing from £934, Twentytwentyone

Copy the look Slingra chair, £69, Ikea



Lounge chair by Charles Eames

Designed for relaxing in, the lounge chair, together with matching ottoman, is all about comfort. One of the most popular collector pieces, still much in demand, it was first made in 1956 as an American version of the classic English club chair.

Buy the real thing £4384.97, Heal's

Copy the look Pluto leather chair and footstool, £975, John Lewis



Egg chair by Arne Jacobsen

One of the most recognisable 20th-century chairs, each Egg, designed in 1957, takes several days and 1300 stitches to make.

Buy the real thing £3146, The Couch Potato Company

Copy the look Karlstad swivel chair, £243.70, Ikea

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Hill House ladder back chair by Charles Rennie Mackintosh

A tall ladder back, inspired by Japanese geometric style, shocked Victorian society and makes this design so impressive.

Buy the real thing £1149.73, nest.co.uk

Copy the look Alton Lacquered chair, £199, Go Modern

INVEST VS SAVE

If you buy a designer chair it's likely to be made under licence either by the original manufacturer or a company that has bought the rights to produce licenced pieces to the same high standard as the original.

INVEST IN THE REAL THING?

- It will retain its value, last a lifetime and can be passed on as an heirloom.
- However, it's a considerable investment. Less expensive alternatives will look similar but will not be of the same quality.

GO FOR A STYLISH COPY?

- It probably won't last longer than 10 years and may not be as comfy or stylish.
- On the other hand, it will save your budget.

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