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THE SOCIAL SCENE

Creating a party-ready space at home is 50 percent forward planning and 50 percent improvisation. Ambiance is everything, so creating the mood with good lighting and chic styling is the first call of action, but after that, knowing the design cues that inspire a social dynamic are party planning kryptonite. Here, some furnishing ideas that take seating and serving out the box and to the next level.

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THE ULTIMATE DAY BED

You will get more people perching on this 'Barcelona' cult icon by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe than anywhere else in the room. Why? It's low, doesn't block space, is the perfect proportion for back to back seating for up to eight people, and has the transient mystique only rare and classic pieces possess. People will come just to be in the same room with it. **knoll.com**

BONE AND RESIN STOOL, R4 300, **CÉCILE & BOYD;** 'ALABASTA' SIDE TABLE, R3 995, **WEYLANDTS**

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DRINKS TABLE

Indispensable if you're hosting a serve yourself soirée and your kitchen island is all food prep, i.e. the spontaneous dinner party. The table should be a fabulous table. If your style is classic, buy an antique, or a mid-century gem if you're more modern.

OAK BLOCK AND BALL EXTENSION TABLE ON STRETCHER BASE, R16 800, **THE CROWN COLLECTION**