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Swivel Chairs: Practical, Comfy and Newly Chic

Spinning seats—in vogue, again—free you to pivot your way to a more expansive world view



TWO-HUNDRED YEARS after Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence from the Windsor-style seat of a swivel chair he'd invented, a cat-stroking Bond villain delivered more menacing messages from a winged leather version. The staying power of the rotating chair, newly popular again in 2017, lies in its unique ability to be both substantial and nimble. "People like the idea of movement, being able to turn toward a view, a conversation, or the TV," said Toronto-based interior designer Anne Hepfer. And as clean-lined models join the ranks of tufted and traditional spinning seats, you can find one to fit in with any aesthetic, she added. Here, 360 degrees' worth of variations.