

Anyone for Cocktails?

Stylish wine bars, beverage storage and serving carts for your happy hour enjoyment

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UNWINDING AT HOME at the end of the day with a delicious home-cooked meal and a bottle of your favorite wine is a wonderful thing.

And an evening of entertaining with cocktails and conversation is even nicer.

But how do you organize spirits, stemware, shakers, and all the accouterments like a pro? Maybe a home bar is the answer.

Home bars come in every shape and size, and for every budget. A modest home bar can be as simple as an attractive shelf stocked with your favorite quality basics. The next step up might be a cocktail cabinet or cart, furnished

with a range of ingredients that allow you to mix more complex drinks.

If you're in the market for a more expansive setup, the sky's the limit. There are top-notch bars with cubbies and dedicated storage nooks for housing all the rums, tequilas, whiskies, shakers, and gadgets a home bartender will ever need.

Setting up a home bar can be fun and rewarding. A well-stocked bar allows you to keep all your tools, liqueurs, and mixers neatly at hand.

By learning a few techniques, and surrounding yourself with the right tools and ingredients, it won't be long 'til you're mixing mai tais and martinis for a crowd of guests.

To help get you started, we've identified ten bar carts and cocktail mini-bars that will definitely lift your spirits like it's 'happy hour.' They run the gamut from a mod Lucite cart to a cool boomerang bar to elegant cocktail storage in natural wood finishes. Cheers!

1 Boomerang cocktail bar

from Atomic Pad

This boomerang cocktail bar offers an atomic look, combining natural and modern accents with customizable design. Plenty of storage space, with an upper shelf measuring 10.5 inches and lower shelf of 17 inches. Hard-working, environmentally friendly surfaces. European phenolic plywood top is moisture-proof and resists abrasion. Walnut sides of the highest grade plywood. Available in four accent colors. Handmade in California. \$1,590. atomicpad.etsy.com

2 Liquor cabinet

from Karma Deefa

A mid-century modern liquor cabinet that allows you to display and store your collection in one place; liquor and wine on one side, and wine glasses and cocktail glasses on the other. Handmade from 3/4-inch solid wood. Front features sliding-glass doors with custom-matching handles. In poplar, ash, white oak, cherry, walnut, quarter-sawn white oak, and mahogany. Hand-built in USA. \$600+. karmadeefa.etsy.com



3 LCD/TV bar

from IDIDTHAT

One-of-a-kind operational streaming TV with hidden liquor cabinet! This vintage 1960s television had its original tube removed and replaced with a modern Roku LCD internet-streaming model. The four-legged base stays in one spot while the cabinet spins on ball bearings. Ships from San Jose. 30.5 inches wide, 16 inches deep, 31.5-inches high. \$797. IDIDTHATdotcom.etsy.com

4 Macfarlane bar cabinet

Stylish mid-century design makes this a handsome and versatile double-door

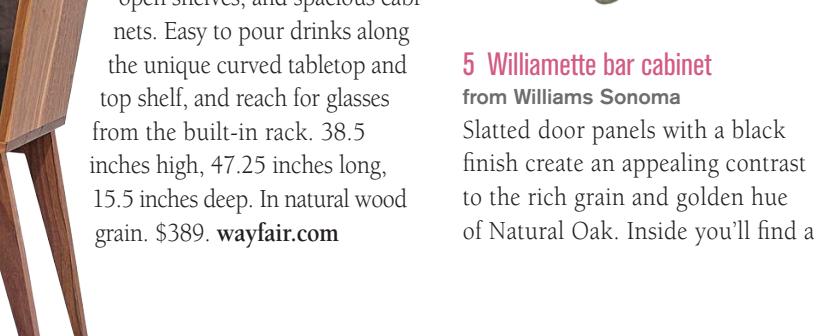


buffet. Crafted with handy wine and stemware glass racks, open shelves, and spacious cabinets. Easy to pour drinks along the unique curved tabletop and top shelf, and reach for glasses from the built-in rack. 38.5 inches high, 47.25 inches long, 15.5 inches deep. In natural wood grain. \$389. wayfair.com

5 Williamette bar cabinet

from Williams Sonoma

Slatted door panels with a black finish create an appealing contrast to the rich grain and golden hue of Natural Oak. Inside you'll find a



12-bottle wine rack, built-in storage for glassware and spirits, and a drawer for bar tools, cocktail napkins, and coasters. 36 inches wide, 20 inches deep, 36-inches high. In oak, natural/black. \$995. williams-sonoma.com

6 Round storage cabinet

from Woodwaves

Unique multi-functional round cabinet with an industrial modern look. Constructed of raw metal, reclaimed wood, and hairpin legs. 36 inches wide, 15 inches deep, 33.5 inches high. Woodwaves, headquartered on the West Coast, was founded in 1994 with a focus on recycled and repurposed materials. \$598. woodwaves.com

7 Mid-century bar cart

from West Elm

Equipped with two shelves, this clean-lined, mid-century-styled cart doubles as a table-side serving station. Made of kiln-dried solid eucalyptus and engineered wood with an Acacia wood veneer. Antique brass-finished rails and casters. Purchase helps support forests and ecosystems worldwide. 32.4 inches wide, 19.9 inches deep, 32 inches high. \$299. westelm.com

8 Lucite serving cart

from Nicks

Transparent rolling-bar cart is simple yet stunning and capable of holding an assortment of bottles, glasses, and other decor. Made to order from

3/8-inch thick domestic acrylic. Uses high-quality neoprene wheels and locking brake. Standard size: 36 inches long, 14 inches wide, 42 inches high. Available with gold or silver accents. In addition to transparent body, also available in black or white. \$675. nicksweddingsupplies.etsy.com

9 South Seas bar cart

from Serena & Lily

This bamboo trolley gets the party rolling wherever you want it. Inspired by a mid-century design that highlights the beauty of handwoven rattan. With sturdy handles and a rail that keeps bottles and barware in place. 46.5 inches high, 18.875 inches wide, 10.56 inches deep. \$175. wineenthusiast.com

Natural bamboo or black. 40 inches wide, 15 inches deep, 32 inches high. \$598. serenaandlily.com

10 Cube-stack wine rack

from Wine Enthusiast

Adjust the size and configuration of your wine collection with these stackable hardwood racks. Designed to fit securely one on top of the other for space-saving storage. Strong, weighty hardwood allows safe stacking from floor to ceiling. In walnut-stained mahogany. 46.5 inches high, 18.875 inches wide, 10.56 inches deep. \$175. wineenthusiast.com