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The enduring appeal of marble tables – and how to style one now

The brutalist hallmark is enjoying a cosier comeback. Here, the experts reveal how to make a marble table work in a modern home.

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It's also helpful to consider the colour and veining of your marble piece. "Lighter marbles can create a feeling of openness and space, while darker marbles add a touch of drama and sophistication."

Of course, marble is naturally a cold material, but as Torregrossa explains, it can still fit beautifully into a warm, inviting space. "Choosing marble with warm undertones can help to warm up your space, and layering in textiles such as rugs, throw pillows, and blankets can balance out the coolness. Warm lighting also makes a big difference, and incorporating wood furniture or features will balance the coolness, making the room feel warmer and more inviting."

Before you shop: things to know

Now for the practical considerations. Marble is prone to cracking and pitting, so consider rounded corners over sharp edges if you're concerned about chips. The porosity of marble means it can also stain easily – consider this a good excuse to invest in some coordinating coasters.

As Torregrossa explains, good maintenance is essential to keep your marble furniture looking its best. Use a soft, damp cloth to clean the surface, and avoid using harsh or abrasive cleaners," she advises. "Marble is sensitive to acidic substances like lemon or vinegar, so it's best to avoid these on your furniture."