

Mariette Himes Gomez and Jamie Drake with demilune tables by Kindel Furniture Co. (left) and Paul Ferrante. See Resources.



## The Top 10 Demilune Tables

Truth in Decorating: Designers Jamie Drake and Mariette Himes Gomez find these curvy standbys are as versatile as they are striking

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A full moon may be an auspicious sign, but in the world of furniture, the demilune table (named for its half-moon shape) shines. With a wall-hugging design and no corners to bump into, the piece is a boon for narrow hallways and foyers, easing the traffic flow. It can serve as a sorting station for mail, a catchall for keys, and a lamp stand—particularly helpful in older buildings where recessed lighting isn't an option, says Mariette Himes Gomez, a New York interior designer.

A drawer is a bonus, whether for clearing off the surface before guests arrive or stowing cocktail napkins, says designer Jamie Drake. "And a shelf is always good in an entertaining space—perfect for plates or backup bottles of Champagne," he adds.

For Gomez, the demilune works especially well in a pair—on either side of a doorway, for example. In a pinch, two of them can even double as a center table, she says: "Just put a couple together to make a full moon." ▶

### THE EXPERTS

#### MARIETTE HIMES GOMEZ

Known for creating airy, tranquil interiors, the New York designer leans toward clean-lined yet comfortable furnishings and has a keen sense for subtle neutrals. [gomezassociates.com](http://gomezassociates.com)

#### JAMIE DRAKE

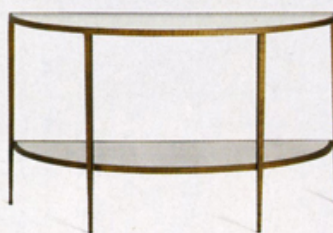
A playful, often fearless use of color—vibrant gem tones, dreamy pastels—is a signature of the New York decorator, whose rooms combine traditional and contemporary pieces. [drakedesignassociates.com](http://drakedesignassociates.com)

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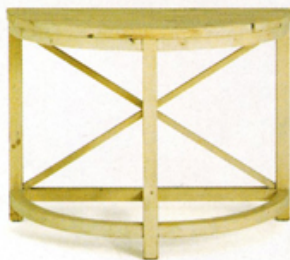
## 1 MARC CONSOLE BY JOHN LYLE FROM HOLLY HUNT

"Classical but luxurious," says Jamie Drake of this shagreen-covered table. "The bone trim shows off the demilune like a line drawing." He sees the 39.5"-wide table in a chic urban space with black glass vases. \$7,800; johnlyledesign.com



## 6 CLAIREMONT DEMILUNE CONSOLE TABLE BY CRATE & BARREL

The twin shelves—glass on top and antiqued mirror below—strike Gomez as thoughtful details that would lend lightness to small spaces. She'd station the 50"-wide piece, with its Giacometti-like metal frame, in a dining room. \$699; crateandbarrel.com



## 2 CALDWELL CONSOLE BY JAYSON HOME & GARDEN

Mariette Himes Gomez admires the crisscross design of the table's stretchers: "It's very architectural." The 42.5"-wide reclaimed-pine piece works in a country setting, but she'd also place it in a formal room that has pale upholstery and top it with white plaster lamps. \$695; jaysonhomeandgarden.com



## 7 WALNUT DEMILUNE BY PAUL FERRANTE FROM JOHN ROSSELLI & ASSOC.

"This has a hefty English personality that would go well with rough linens and leather," says Drake. He'd use a pair of the 50"-wide tables to flank a fireplace. "Polished brass or silver candlesticks would bring the dark wood into bright relief." \$6,300; paulferrante.com



## 3 SPEED UP CONSOLE BY SACHA LAKIC FOR ROCHE BOBOIS

To Drake, this table nods to the sculptural works of Zaha Hadid and Frank Gehry. The 63"-wide glass top and fiber-resin base feature contrasting sheens, he notes. He'd hang art asymmetrically over it, with little else: "It's a stand-alone piece." \$4,355; roche-bobois.com



## 8 SUZY DEMILUNE BY HOUSE ECLECTIC

A range of available colors and whimsically curved legs are pluses for this 39"-wide table, which Gomez sees brightening a child's room. (It's well priced for a playful adult setting too.) "It also has a drawer, which is good for treasures," she adds. \$370; houseeclectic.com



## 4 LINWOOD DEMILUNE BY JULIAN CHICHESTER

The 32"-wide hammered-aluminum frame and vellum surfaces are an attractive combination, says Gomez. "With the smaller shelf on the bottom, you get a more interesting leg." She imagines setting a pair against dark fabrics and parchment-color walls. \$2,385; julianchichester.com



## 9 DEMILUNE TABLE BY KINDEL FURNITURE CO. FROM ROBERT ALLEN/BEACON HILL

"Given its smaller size and hidden drawer, this could serve as a bedside table," says Drake of the 31"-wide Dorothy Draper Collection piece. "The shelf can hold books, and its faux-marble top makes it slightly dreamy." \$3,794; robertallendesign.com



## 5 HEPPLEWHITE DEMILUNE CONSOLE TABLE BY STICKLEY

"Handsome, with enough lyrical inlay to keep it from being too sober," this 54"-wide mahogany table "has great proportions for modern living," Drake says, and is perfect for a narrow foyer in a traditional apartment. \$3,298; stickley.com



## 10 NEWPORT DEMILUNE BY BALLARD DESIGNS

With recessed paneling and a sophisticated silhouette, this 38"-wide table would be at home in a classic setting, suggests Gomez. She pictures it in a family room, with a drawer for each child and extra storage below. "It's reasonably priced and functional too." \$349; ballarddesigns.com

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