

Romancing the Form

62 Side Tables That Rise to the Occasion

Shapely little tables (used singly as side tables or grouped for an unusual coffee table) are new news in design. The flirtatious silhouettes and sensual finishes of this *ménage à cinq* add a playful sizzle to any room. Clockwise from top: **Calvin Tsao's** *Mado* lacquer lamp table for Donghia is as scantily clad as J.Lo, thanks to the *mado* ("window" in Japanese) that's cut into each facet of its hexagonal form (\$2,850 to designers). **Catherine Memmi's** *Gueridon* pedestal table, made of solid cerused wenge, takes the cinched-waist approach of Brancusi (\$2,650). **Oscar de la Renta**, who knows a thing or two about the seductiveness of couture, sheathes his *Bunching* cocktail table for Century in skintight mother-of-pearl (about \$1,700). **Chista's** stacking teak *Parmesan* tables (three are shown) subscribe to the notion that real beauties have curves (about \$565 each). **Mariette Himes-Gomez's** gold-leaf *Invisible* table for Hickory Chair is like a whiff of fine perfume—understated yet intoxicating (\$900). —*Jorge S. Arango* >

