



INSPIRED DESIGN The combinations of art and science and form and function that define industrial design are beautifully displayed by the Truss Table, a creation by Bozeman, Montana-based Brandner Designs. Inspired by the bridges that artist Jeff Brandner crossed when passing through Midwestern and East Coast cities, the piece features a reclaimed oak top, ash beam and precision-cut recycled-steel trusses for a look that's at once contemporary and organic. "I have a real interest in industrial architecture and the qualities of the whole industrial age," says Brandner, "but it was also very important to me to carry over some sort of organic material or history in each piece." That sense of history comes from the wood Brandner rescues from old Eastern barns and buildings each year, then remills to fit each piece of furniture. "A lot of it is old-growth hardwood that you just can't get anymore," he says. "It has such character, from gouges and insect damage to nail and peg holes. We really try to study the wood to figure out what special qualities each piece offers." \$5,250; www.brandnerdesign.com

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"I've found that a table like this pairs best with very simple seating in a combination of wood and metal," says Brandner. "A bench works really well, or perhaps a chair with a metal frame and wood seat for a simple industrial feel that's still comfortable." Want to customize the look? The Truss Table can be built in any size, and with any combination of reclaimed wood, steel or concrete imaginable. "You can create your mix," says Brandner. "For an ultra-sleek look, we might pair steel trusses with a polished concrete top. But if a rustic look is what you're after, reclaimed wood is best."