

'09's Newest Trend is Blast from the Past

CSN Stores Offers Top 10 Retro Bar Accents and Accessories to Upgrade in Time for the Super Bowl

Take a walk down a city street and chances are good you'll see bright and busy clothing, jeans tucked tightly into boots, or clogs resting comfortably on passing feet. Stroll into the neighborhood bar and you'll probably catch the same styles and décor from past decades that are finding a new place in contemporary culture. These retro styles of the '70's and '80s are no longer trends of the past, but are becoming platforms for the present.

The Boston Globe recently showcased several styles and designs that are staging a comeback in the article: "In Showrooms, '70s Trend is Mushrooming." The *Globe* examined emerging décor trends of the past, citing how many top home furnishing designers are apparently inspired by their childhood memories.

Responding to this popular trend, CSN Stores, a Top 3 retailer of home goods, compiled a list of fun, nostalgic items, from neon lights to bold barware, to help anyone longing for the '70s to bring back its kitschy glory. And because the renaissance of the home bar is, itself, the rebirth of a retro craze, we thought we'd focus on trendy bar accessories and accents. There's also no better time of the year for this type of renovation, since the Super Bowl's right around the corner. Check out the top ten:



1. Neonetics Light-Up Signs. These fun and unique signs by Neonetics are guaranteed to brighten up the mood in any home bar. Choose between college cinema classics, retro coca-cola, football-themed designs, and many more. (\$46-\$70, EveryGameRoom.com) Link: <http://www.everygameroom.com/Neonetics-C133796.html>



2. **Nostalgia Electrics Pop-Up Hot Dog Toaster.** Put an interesting twist on an American classic with this electric hot dog toaster. Whether you need a quick snack during the game, or want to get a good laugh from family and friends, this innovative machine is perfect. The toaster will cook 2 hot dogs and 2 buns in minutes, and it won't burn a hole in your wallet. (\$17, Cookware.com) Link: <http://www.cookware.com/Nostalgia-Electrics-HDT600-NST1018.html>



3. **Metrokane Bullet Cocktail Shaker.** Shake up delicious cocktails in style with this sleek, retro bullet shaker. Insert James Bond theme music here, and enjoy. (\$25, CSNStore.com) Link: <http://www.csnstores.com/Metrokane-4500-MKN1042.html>



4. **Blomus Cioso Wine Holder.** Use this stainless steel holder to mount up to 8 full bottles of wine on your wall. If you're feeling creative, you could always mount the bottles by decade, or even fill it with

old-time bottles for a nostalgic look. (\$58, JustWineRacks.com) Link: <http://www.justwineracks.com/Blomus-65193-RY1055.html>



5. **Blomus Cigar Ashtray.** Enjoying a great cigar is a treasured pastime and with this stainless steel lounge ashtray, you or your guests can enjoy the tradition anytime. Designed by Blomus, a brand name synonymous with style, this ashtray will make a perfect edition to any home bar. (AllModern.com, \$31). Link: <http://www.allmodern.com/Blomus-68453-RY1450.html>



6. **Walker Edison Retro Barstools.** Searching for that high-end retro look, but don't want to break the bank? This retro barstool is attractive, adjustable, has a complete 360 degree swivel, and is very affordable. (AllBarstools.com, \$69). Minimum Order: 2. Link: <http://www.allbarstools.com/Walker-Edison-CHJB02BL-WLK1060.html>



7. **Lumisource Retro Guacamole Lamp.** Get a true blast from the past with this retro, psychedelic lamp. It's groovy-patterned shade, and powder-coated steel base is guaranteed to turn heads, and make a lasting impression on anyone who lounges at your bar. (\$25, CSNLighting.com) Link: <http://www.csnlighting.com/LumiSource-LS-RETRO-GUAC-LMS1224.html>



8. **Advanced Graphics Martini Glass Life-Size Stand-Up.** This might look like your average martini glass, but it's certainly not something we recommend pouring vodka into. That's because this martini glass is 6 feet tall, and made of cardboard. This stylish stand-up can sit alone, or mount to a door or wall. (\$33, CSNStores.com). Link: <http://www.csnstores.com/Advanced-Graphics-751-ADV1196.html>



9. **Junior Football Beanbag Chair.** Toss a couple of these around the TV for the little ones and they might not get up for the entire game! These comfortable junior beanbags have double-stitched nylon seams to make them sturdy, and recyclable foam inside to make them safe. Also available in basketball or baseball. (\$44, GameChairs.com). Link: <http://www.gamechairs.com/Artist-Colony-M-160-V-JR-ACY1014.html>



10. Transform your home bar into a popular pad by mounting your TV to the ceiling or wall. With the largest selection of mounts on the Internet, and a trained customer support staff to help you with everything from designs to delivery, www.MountsandMore.com is the ideal place to go for TV mounts. Just don't blame us if the line to your home bar starts going around the block!