

## The Iconic Hairpin Leg Is Back!



Harry P. Glass, a Vienna-born inventor and designer, created the legendary hairpin leg. Glass escaped German occupation of Austria and came to New York in 1939 where he worked with Russel Wright.

The hairpin leg is truly where form meets function. As a true war-time invention, the design limited the amount of metal needed while keeping the strength of traditional legs.

It debuted as part of the Russel Wright American-Way collection in 1941.

Alfred Auerbach, editor in chief of the weekly publication “Home Furnishings,” is credited with coining the name calling the collection the “Hairpin Group” in his trade publication.

Glass actually designed two separate collections – one an indoor collection featuring several tables, chairs, and a settee. A similar collection of patio furniture was also manufactured by Molla, Inc., a New York-based company renowned for high-quality patio furniture.

The hairpin leg is associated with Mid-Century furniture. With the resurgence of Mid-Century Revival furniture, this minimalist, functional design is again gaining a following and being made by several furniture manufacturers.

Van Dyke’s Restorers is now offering 6-inch and 9-inch sizes of this iconic leg as part of the Mid-Century collection from Designs of Distinction.

The legs are made of tig-welded, American steel and powder coated for a durable and superior finish. Choice of Gold, Gun Metal Grey, Raw Steel, Satin Nickel, and Wrought Iron finishes.

Perfect for the do-it-yourselfers, the legs can be screwed onto the bottom of a sofa or chair for a quick retro update.

