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Extension Tables



Considering an extension table?

An extension dining table from Eclipse is more than a piece of furniture; it's a practical and contemporary addition to any home.

Through our 30+ years of experience we have developed a system that allows for any table design to become extendable, allowing us to cater for those who value both aesthetics and versatility in their dining space.

In this document, we'll explore the various types of extension dining tables, how they work, what designs they are appropriate for and details of their pros and cons.

Whether you're hosting a big dinner party or need extra seating for a casual meal, extension dining tables offer a solution that's both elegant and adaptable, making them a valuable asset for any homeowner.

Option 1.

Butterfly Pivot

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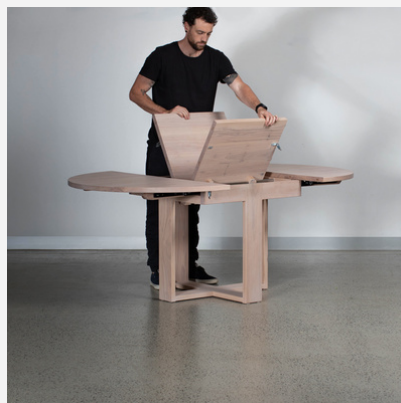
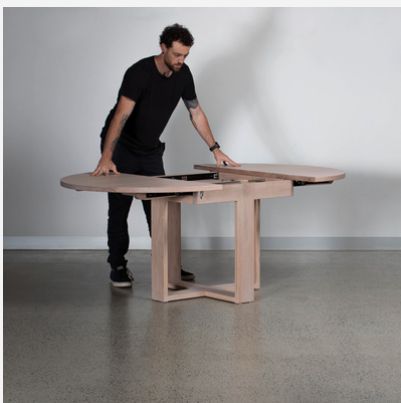
The butterfly pivot extension is the traditional style found on old Parker & Chiswell dining tables. The table top separates in the center to reveal a folding custom-veneer extension leaf that pivots into place. The top is then pushed back together, guided by locator dominoes, and secured with turn wheels.

pros

- Extension leaves stored within table.
- Design is elegant and looks impressive when in action.

cons

- Join visible in center of table when un-extended.
- Timber grain cannot line up when extended.
- Extension leaf will not expand/contract with table top.
- Limited range of base options due to pivot mechanism in center.



Option 2.

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Butterfly Lift

The butterfly lift extension is the same as the butterfly pivot, simply without the pivot mechanism. The table top separates in the center to reveal a folding custom-veneer extension leaf that needs to be lifted out and opened into place. The top is then pushed back together, guided by locator dominoes, and secured with turn wheels.

pros

- Extension leaves stored within table.
- Design works with a large range of base options, including single pedestals.

cons

- Join visible in center of table when un-extended.
- Timber grain cannot line up when extended.
- Extension leaf will not expand/contract with table top.



Option 3.

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Butterfly End

The butterfly end extension is a folding leaf that is stored under the table, at the ends. It can be made with a lift or pivot mechanism. The base of the table extends out revealing the folding custom-veneer extension leaf. Once into position, the base pushes back in securing the extension leaf.

pros

- Extension leaves stored within table.
- Most stable option as base extends in length.
- No join in center of table when un-extended.
- Timber grain will always line up.
- Can have one or two extension leaves.

cons

- Extension leaf will not expand/contract with table top.
- Only works with 4 x corner leg designs.
- Hardware more exposed when extended.



Option 4.

Leaf on Ends

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The leaf on ends is simple, functional and cost effective. The extension leaf is a solid single piece that can be stored under the table or elsewhere. It has two arms that slot into brackets, concealed under the table, at one or both ends. Once in position, the piece is secured into place with turn wheels.

pros

- No join in center of table when un-extended.
- Timber grain will always line up.
- Streamline design removes need for housing under table.
- Design works with a large range of base options.
- Can have one or two extension leaves.

cons

- Leaves can be heavy and may require two people to operate.
- Extension leaves may need to be stored elsewhere, depending on table specifications.





Connect with us

We hope this helps you understand the considerations of choosing an extension dining table. We appreciate there may be more to discuss, so you have any further questions feel free to reach out. Our Design Team likely has the answers.

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