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The Best Under-\$1,000 Chandeliers to Buy Online, According to Designers

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Not long ago, we wrote about the evolution of a chandelier that, over the course of the last two decades, has become the status fixture for Brooklyn remodels: the Three-Arm Ceiling Lamp by Serge Mouille, a 1950s Parisian designer. It's surprisingly easy to procure a Mouille online — the fixtures, which were once only available at specialty antique shops — are available on Design Within Reach for some \$7,000. Which made us wonder: is it possible to shop for a similarly impactful, but not-so-similarly expensive chandelier online?

We reached out to a bevy of designers and asked them just that. The consensus was that while there is no shortage of inexpensive, nice-to-look-at chandeliers available online, it is a slightly more difficult thing to shop for on the internet than, say, a couch cushion. Light fixtures are difficult to repackage and ship back without shattering a bulb or eight. And if your very-delicate-and-easily-breakable fixture does, in fact, break en route, most retailers will not refund full payment. The experts we consulted recommended combating this chandelier-specific issue by doing your homework before you start shopping. Interior designer Joy Moyler recommends, for one, measuring the ceiling height in the room you'd like to put the chandelier into, then thinking carefully about who is going to be occupying the space. "You want to make sure to leave at least 12 inches above the tallest person in the house's head," she says. "My husband is six-foot-two — if I'm getting a chandelier for our bedroom, which has a 9-foot ceiling height, I know I have about one foot and ten inches to play with, no more. And that includes the chain, which people often forget to measure when they're shopping for a chandelier online." For the go-to, under-\$1,000 chandeliers our consulted designers use for their

clients' bedrooms, foyers, dining rooms, low-ceilinged spaces, and lofts, see below.

For a living room



Sunpan Faraday 8-Light Chandelier

\$698

According to Brooke McReynolds, a senior luxe designer at online interior-design service Modsy, a Sputnik-style chandelier can add an “eye-catching focal point” to any room — but she says their drama may be best in a living

room. She explains that the arms that radiate from the chandelier can be “lit with all styles of light bulbs, depending on the mood of the space.” Her favorite version of the mid-century style is this chandelier from Sunpan. “I love the mix of clear and smoke-gray glass that surrounds the light-bulb arms,” she says.

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