



THE TOP 10 CAMPAIGN FURNISHINGS

Designers Virginia Tupker and Kirill Istomin go into the field to inspect military-inspired pieces that are as evocative as they are practical

During the 18th and 19th centuries, English military officers rarely left home without their creature comforts. These men traveled to the edges of the British Empire with campaign furniture—bureaus, desks, beds, and chairs that could be taken apart, packed into trunks, and reassembled without nails or tools. Often made from mahogany or rattan and hinged with leather, camp furniture was sturdy yet elegant—“a chic study in form meets func-

tion,” says interior designer Virginia Tupker.

Campaign-style furniture can bring a sense of history to a space and at the same time lighten the mood, says designer Kirill Istomin: “A folding table has a temporary feeling, but temporary in a good way. It makes a room more casual.” And don’t worry if contemporary pieces only appear to be portable, he adds. “Most people don’t actually take apart their furniture. It’s more about evoking a mood.” ▷

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THE EXPERTS

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KIRILL ISTOMIN

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**1 / STEPHENSON
CAMPAIGN DESK BY
FRONTGATE**

KI: This looks like a trunk but opens to reveal a writing surface and a corkboard. I'd put it in a man's study or use it to turn a corner of a living room into a home office—or even place it behind a sofa.
VT: I love how they've brought this up to date with the built-in outlet and USB ports. You can shut the top, hide your clutter, and move on. Quite practical. 54" w. x 26" d. x 34" h., \$4,199. frontgate.com



**2 / CAMPAIGN SIDE
TABLE BY GLOBAL VIEWS**

VT: This brass, brushed steel, and granite side table leans more French than British. It's an elegant, versatile little table, perfect paired with an armchair in a living room.
KI: I agree, it's a great piece. I like the combination of metals and the finishes, and the top also comes in white marble, if you want a lighter feeling. It fits so many situations. You could even use it as a nightstand. 17" dia. x 21" h., \$749. globalviews.com



**3 / CAMPAIGN LUGGAGE
RACK BY RESTORATION
HARDWARE**

KI: This is a steal! The top mimics leather straps but is actually made of metal—very strong. It's great as a luggage rack for a guest room, but it could also be a stool in a foyer, by the fireplace, or outside on the patio.
VT: The pairing of wrought iron and wood is interesting, and so is the slightly aged finish. And it's sturdy, too. Add a cushion and place it under a console. 18.5" w. x 16" d. x 15.5" h., \$199. rh.com



**4 / LAMBERT FOLDING
SCREEN BY RICHARD
WRIGHTMAN DESIGN**

KI: I love screens, period. They're wonderful for adding layers to rooms. The canvas and leather give this one an authentic look, yet it seems very modern. I'd put it against a wall with a sofa in front.
VT: The craftsmanship here is lovely. The oiled teak lends it a midcentury feeling, even a bit nautical. At eight feet tall, it's grand in scale: You'll need high ceilings to do it justice. 72" w. x 96" h., \$8,775. richardwrightman.com



**5 / SAFARI CHAIR BY
KAARE KLINT FOR
CARL HANSEN & SON**

VT: This classic—designed in 1933—is attractive from every angle. I would position a pair of them so that you see the handsome buckles on their backs. It's also comfortable, with its pivoting backrest.
KI: This might be my favorite. It's beautiful, from the buckles to the stitching on the saddle leather to the shape of the legs. It looks expensive, yet it feels relaxed. 22.5" w. x 22.5" d. x 31.5" h., \$2,830. carlhansen.com

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6 / OUTRAM VERANDAH DAYBED BY J & R GURAM

VT: This chaise feels straight out of the British Raj. The cane and brass details are very handsome, and the rosewood frame is not only collapsible but also adjustable—a perfect perch for a nap in the shade.
KI: I love furniture that creates a mood, and to me this daybed says “Indochine.” It’s quite large, so it’s probably most useful outside on a covered porch, or in an informal room. 83” l. x 28” w. x 16” h., \$1,835. jandruram.com



7 / DUSTIN CHAIR BY ARMANI/CASA

KI: A set of these sleek, foldable chairs would be wonderful around the table of a breakfast room. The quality of the lacquered wood and gold-plated hardware is impeccable. And it actually folds!
VT: This director’s chair in leather and elm takes a classic design to another level. It was created for Mr. Armani’s boat, and it definitely has that streamlined yacht aura. 23” w. x 22” d. x 33.5” h., \$6,320. armanicasa.com



8 / CHARLOTTE THREE-DRAWER CAMPAIGN CHEST BY BALLARD DESIGNS

KI: They’ve reinterpreted the classic brass-accented campaign chest in white to give it a lighter, less military feeling. I’d use it as a bedside table in a country home—it’s a great balance of cost and quality.
VT: Perfect for a child’s room—it also comes in a bright paprika red. The scale and workmanship are nice, but the hardware is a bit shiny for me. 28” w. x 16” d. x 29” h., \$599. ballarddesigns.com



9 / PIPPA CONSOLE TABLE BY HERMÈS

VT: Beautiful. I love the unusual bleached finish of the maple and the tongue-in-groove joinery, which shows wonderful craftsmanship. I’d love to see this console paired with Jean-Michel Frank club chairs in a light, modern setting.
KI: Yes, the details are well executed, down to the elegant gold hardware. The top comes off, so it’s fully collapsible—but who would want to put this piece in the closet? 49” w. x 13.5” d. x 29.5” h., \$10,600. hermes.com



10 / SAFARI WRITING DESK BY NEWLAND, TARLTON & CO.

VT: This small rattan desk is perfectly scaled for an apartment and has lovely features: a built-in blotter, lots of cubbies, a drawer, storage, and nice leather detailing. And it definitely has that British colonial or safari appeal.
KI: This is the ideal vanity table for a woman’s dressing room—or a man’s—and it’s truly portable. It also has a colonial Indochina vibe. 32” w. x 22” d. x 37” h., \$1,595. newlandtarltonfurniture.com

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