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Smooth transition

Swivel chairs offer smarter décor options By Caite White

It's an open concept world and we're just living in it. And while the kitchen-living-dining layout creates accessibility (and visibility), it's a challenge to decorate. John Kriebel, a designer at The Artful Lodger, has a solution: swivel chairs.

"I use them as a great connector for entertaining," he says. "You have two places guests and families hang out—the kitchen and the living room. A swivel connects both by a simple rotation of a chair."

Kriebel likes swivels with rounded backs, such as the ones in this Batesville residence, and a small round side table between them: "No corners to hit. Everything plays in unison with a full rotation."

And, he says, don't be afraid to put a swivel chair in an unexpected place, like a bedroom. It makes for a nice place to tie your shoes in the morning or sit and drink in a nearby view.