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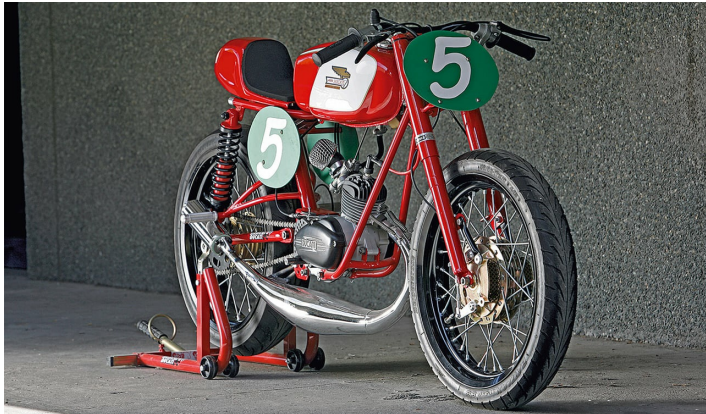
[Do Italian bikes make the best café racers?](#)

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With so much heritage and sporting pedigree to embrace, it's little wonder so many café racers are based on Italian machinery. A new book from Veloce, simply entitled 'Italian Café Racers', looks at a variety of examples...

Much like its cars, Italy's motorcycles have always leaned towards more sporting orientations – so perhaps that's why they have [become so popular in the ever-growing café racer scene](#). The progression from Italian sports bike to Italian café racer has been a natural one, and it's a phenomenon that's swept the world. Custom bike builders from Austria to New Zealand have experimented with their own cultural takes on famous bikes from the likes of [Ducati](#), [Moto Guzzi](#) and [MV Agusta](#), each with varying degrees of input from the commissioning owner (and indeed, success.)

No espresso required



From original, early single-cylinders right up to custom new-builds from the likes of [Kaffeemaschine](#), [Officine Rossopuro](#) and [Wrenchmonkees](#), the new book details the movement of the Italian sports bike into the re-ignited café racer scene – and rides off into the future, too, with several concept café racers envisioned by motorcycle customisers and designers. Whoever would have expected to see battered dustbin fairings a few pages away from a Tron-esque, all-electric café racer with its own charging station?

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