

Create Holiday Tablescapes Like a Pro

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Hi, I'm Laurie!

I am an Interior Designer who loves all things design and all things to do with home.

My tablescaping journey began when I would be designing for clients around the holidays and they would inevitably ask if I would help them with their holiday decorations. This led me to setting setting gorgeous tables and trimming resplendent trees which complemented the colors and textures we just finished achieving for my clients' rooms. And while my clients were delighted with their newly decked out homes, it often left me with one or two days to set my table for the dozens of family members I was hosting.

I came up with a tried and true formula for setting beautiful tables that were easy to create and most importantly could be recreated and tweaked year after year.

I hope you find this guide to tablescaping useful!



Creating Tablescapes Doesnt Have To Be **Hard!**

Know Thyself.....

What type of person are you?

- Casual
- Formal
- Fun
- Busy Professional
- Super Mom

Your table, like your home, should be a TRUE reflection of who you are and how you live.





Table Shape

Round, Square or Rectangle

Round/Square

- one centerpiece
- make it large enough to stand on its own, but small enough to still fit plates and/or chargers
- decide - tall or short

Rectangle

- linear tablescape
- small enough to still fit plates and/or chargers
- best to use low items

The Basics

- Linens
 - Runner
 - Napkins
 - tablecloth (optional)
- Candles
- Flowers/Greenery/Seasonal Decor



Linens -pick your level



Elaborate:

Tip: Use 3 different patterns

- Vary small, medium & large patterns
 - Base tablecloth
 - Runner
 - placemat/charger
 - contrasting napkins



Interesting:

Tip: Use 2 patterns

- base tablecloth
 - a throw blanket is a perfect base linen
- runner (solid)
- napkins (contrasting)



Simple:

Tip: Use a grounding linen in the center

- runner- (placemat for round or square table)
 - contrasting napkins
- round chargers/placemats
 - contrasting napkin

Favorite Linen Combos



BASE LINEN



BASE LINEN



BASE LINEN



2nd LAYER RUNNER



2nd LAYER RUNNER



CONTRASTING NAPKINS



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MORE Linen Combos



BASE LINEN



BASE LINEN



BASE LINEN



2nd LAYER
RUNNER



2nd LAYER
RUNNER



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Candles

create *ambiance*

- Real or flameless (If using flameless, I prefer the flicker candles like Luminera)
- choose one color
- use groupings
- vary sizes
- use unscented
- buy quality





Flowers:

Tip: keep it simple

- Use all the same type of flower
- The same flowers in different colors (I like to stay in the same tones - hot pink, pink, blush)
- one type of flower with sprigs of berries, evergreens or wheat



Food:

Tip: have a theme

- mix candles or fruit with food
- stick to finger foods or foods with spears - charcuterie & sushi make fun centerpieces
- play up the linens to keep this tablescape interesting



Seasonal Decor:

Tip: Always have something metallic

- the first 3 things that come to mind when thinking of any season are usually the best items to use
- use both decor and greenery
- mix in metals to keep the arrangement from looking flat



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Level Up:

*Use something **unexpected** when creating your
tablescape!*



This is where you can let your personality shine! Incorporating unusual items into your tablescape makes for a fun, interesting and festive holiday table.

Some things to consider are:

- width (something narrow works best)
- the 360 degree view of the item

Some fun items to use:

- a shutter
- books
- wall mirrors
- picture frames
- vintage mailbox
- birdcage
- cake stand
- cloche/glass dome
- wine bottles
- ceramic holiday village



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Napkin know-how

perfect napkin pairing combinations



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What *items* you'll need:

Items that you should **always** have on hand are:

- twine
- burlap ribbon
- cloth napkins (my favorite is a ticking stripe)
- candles

Items that you can always purchase in a pinch:

- fresh flowers/greenery
- dried fruit/fresh herbs
- seasonal ribbon
- tray



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