TABLESCAPES



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The holiday season is going to look a little different this year. With smaller, more intimate gatherings, it is a great time to experiment and make traditions extra special. Tablescapes have been trending for a few years now, they are beautiful centerpieces that allow your dinner

guests to feel like they are attending a fancy event! Creating beautifully curated tablescapes can be a lot of work and requires planning, but with a much smaller guest list, it could be more manageable and less overwhelming to tackle.

Here are a few tips to create a magazine worthy tablescape this holiday season:

Incorporate Greenery & Natural Elements

Who says you can't eat with nature?! Whether it is natural greenery or faux garland, adding an element of nature warms up the look and feel of your tablescape. Not only is greenery around the home and as a centerpiece for special events on trend, the natural element can be cost effective and add a lovely scent to the space.

For the holiday season, I enjoy collecting pinecones to add a dusting of gold paint or keep natural, as they help to add dimension.

Add dimension not height

When you finally sit down for your holiday meal, if your centerpiece has too much height it will be challenging to have conversation. Tall centerpieces can be distracting and visually limiting.

Dimension can be created using different textures and material height, as long as the height does not obstruct the view of your guests.

Forget the Placemats!

Placemats can be awkward, often not being the perfect shape or size for the table. Glasses or small dishes can tip off the side of a placemat if the space is too cramped. Try using a charger plate instead! Charger plates are easier to clean and often makes the space visually look larger because the eye focuses on the empty space between the table settings. By adding charger plates to your tablescape you will create a more lavish feel, as the setting will take on feel of a lavish event or dining experience. This addition is an easy way to create structure and division on your table with a touch of elegance.

Personalized Gift/Keepsake

It is always nice to receive a personalized gift. During the holiday season, purchasing an ornament or a small gift to place on the top of their table setting is a nice added touch to reflect what is being celebrated. The small gesture will not only be appreciated but will also add to the overall décor of the tablespace by spreading out your decorative elements.

Set the table the night before

No matter how large or small your guest list is, on the day of there seems to be so many things to do. Setting your table is one thing that is easy to do the night before! Personally, I recommend it. The extra time will help you not feel rushed and will allow you to add special, more personalized touches and enjoy the process.

These special touches can make your guests feel extra special during the holiday season, no matter how small your gathering may be this year. Get creative and have fun!

