

# Creating Alfresco Memories

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Summer is a wonderful time to gather with friends and family and enjoy feasts under big shady trees in our gardens, on our decks and at other destinations that are ideal for dining outdoors. Featuring designs that celebrate the Florida lifestyle, we have chosen to spotlight the rustic, yet charming picnic table that is often the centerpiece for these gatherings.

The celebratory flair of the designs offers the perfect opportunity for creating lasting alfresco memories.



## Vintage Charm

Casual and colorful, this coastal-inspired design features Gulf blue heirloom placemats and sunny yellow plates that brighten the table. Contributing to this theme are teal-hued cups and saucers, gold lusterware glasses, and old-fashioned salt and pepper shakers. An antique mortar and pestle offers a unique way to display fresh flowers, bringing the beauty of nature to the table. With its simple, but charming ambiance, this table is a good choice for an outdoor breakfast or lunch. (shown left page)



## Rustic White and Picture-Perfect

Created with re-purposed items that offer a unique panache, this table features picture frames filled with fresh planted greens and fragrant herbs for the centerpiece. Miniature pitchers are angled to appear as if they are pouring onto the plates. Small wooden beads are wrapped around soft napkins and larger ones are scattered throughout the table. A versatile design, this table can be easily incorporated for any event, day or night, or for a summer white party.



## Antique Elegance

Rose-and-cream-tinted china meets rattan placemats in a sophisticated design laced with a bit of charm. The textures within the glass dishes, goblets and candlestick holders offer a glamorous appeal and become a prominent motif in this table. Formal in its presentation, this

alluring setting is enhanced with cranberry glasses. Pairing vintage and contemporary elements, this table sets the stage for a beautiful alfresco gala.

## Tropical Woods

Created by blending a variety of wood textures, this lovely table displays nature at its finest. Ivy and blooms wind between the place settings, and napkins are tied with a combination of grass and raffia. Bamboo placemats and teak side dishes add to the natural feel of this design. Perfect for a brunch or luncheon, this table utilizes outdoor elements to set the mood for a relaxed, enjoyable gathering.

