

# *Tropical by Design!*

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*Thanksgiving in Florida is all about enjoying the fabulous weather, decorating with brightly festive fall colors, and gathering together with family and friends. Indoors or out, we appreciate the beauty that surrounds us as we present tropical tablescape ideas for your holiday celebrations.*

## *Tangerine Dream*

**L**emons, limes and tangerines establish the theme of this elegant, easy-to-design tablescape. Begin by draping the table with a white tablecloth. Using toile, create a circular area at the end of a long table large enough for a platter, and then stream the remaining material down the center of the table. Fill a tray with fragrant citrus, and then insert fresh or silk lilies between the fruit. Put orange-tinted wineglasses at each place setting. Simple white plates, chargers and napkins round out this striking tablescape.





## *Some Place in Time*

**A**vintage tropical design comes together as each side of an antique table is decorated with large palm leaves. Set a bowl of fresh fruit and vegetables in the center of the table. Arrange small vases of flowers at each place setting. Position a piece of brightly colored fruit on each plate to create the feel of a retro-harvest tablescape. Perfect for a beach or garden gathering, step back in time with this one and enjoy!



## *Carmen Miranda!*

Inspired by the stunning and lavish Hollywood film star of the 1940s and 1950s, this easy and colorful attention-getter adds flair and a touch of the tropics to the table. Slice the bottom of the pineapple to give it a flat base for arranging it in a bowl. Cut off the top of the fruit, hollow it out, and then fill it with strawberries. Replace the crown of the pineapple and place grapes on top. Surround the pineapple with a variety of fruit. *Voilà!* You have a Carmen Miranda-inspired fruit centerpiece!



## *Paradise Glow*

Bright, shiny and glittery, this design is over the top! Line the center of the buffet table with an ample layer of golden glitter pieces (larger pieces are recommended). Place a garland of orange silk hibiscus flowers over the glitter and stream it down the center of the table. Position a few shells and starfish on top for an extra dash of Gulf Coast flair. Colorful island-style paper napkins can be added on both sides of the table for your guests' convenience.

