



Set the Stage

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Dramatic tablecloths add intrigue to festive gatherings and are destined to become memorable. The holiday season provides an ideal opportunity to create beautiful place settings that combine a few gifts from nature with simple dishware. Although these arrangements were designed with the harvest celebration in mind, they can easily be adapted for a Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Eve soirée. Dynamic color schemes enhance the flair, but it's the little details that make these place settings showstoppers!



SHIMMERING HARVEST

A festive fusion of silver, gold, brown and white offers a luxuriously elegant place setting that is perfect for the harvest season. A soft cream-hued tablecloth glistens and becomes

the stage for this holiday display. With a hint of antique charm, roses are gilded, and presented gracefully, surrounded by nature's offerings. Miniature pinecones are creatively positioned on the crisp white plates, framed by golden chargers that lend an intriguing effect to the place setting. In gracious style, the silver fork and knife are dressed in satin and steal the spotlight. Completing the tablescape, a crystal champagne flute signals it's time to celebrate!



BLACK ON GOLD

Making a bold design statement, black and metallic shades combine to create a strikingly modern tablescape. A distinctive white table cover with silver diamond-shaped patterns sets the scene for this unique presentation. Softening the look, gilded roses adorn the table. Black stemware stands at attention as gold chargers support the dramatic dark dishware. The setting is complete for a special guest as a shimmering box filled with a surprise is placed strategically in the saucer, taking center stage.