



Top Tips For An Impressive Table Scape

A table scape can include a centerpiece, or it can simply contain an arrangement of your favorite items. Table scapes refer to the way things are laid out, like in a landscape painting.

Determine theme and color scheme: Table scape and theme doesn't necessarily have to be suited to the occasion. One simple embellishment can set the tone.

Compile your table top wears: Group items according to what you love; what you are luke warm about; what you don't like. Embellish the items that you love.

Invest in quality table top basics: Simple white plates and napkins are table top staples. Change up themes and color schemes with center pieces, napkin rings, charges, runners, etc.



Building the Centerpiece: Plates, glasses and flatware are a given, but it's the accents that really make your table setting memorable and express your personal style. Just as your home should be a reflection of your personal style and tastes, so should your tablescape and decorations.

- Don't let it get out of control. Most of the time, simple is best.
- Center pieces should take up no more than 1/3 of the table top.
- Keep them low so people can see and converse across the table it should be below eye level. A general rule-of-thumb is to keep centerpieces below eye level or less than 12 inches tall.
- Centerpieces need not be always at the center. Decorations on the buffet and tea service are larger and taller than dinner table decorations.
- Create contrast with color and pattern: Check for contrast between place settings and table top to create interest and depth. Even monochromatic color schemes should contain a range of the same color to so as not to become visually "flat".



An inexpensive and interesting way to add color and pattern to the table top is to use artisan or handmade paper as the table runner or placemats.

Incorporate Candle light: Candles are in inexpensive way to create warmth and ambiance. Spaces instantly look more elegant with dim lighting and candle light. At the table, they should burn above or below eye level.

Avoid overpowering scents in your table scape: Make sure that all the materials you use in your centerpiece do not have a strong or offensive aroma. At the dinner table, you want your guests to smell the delightful food, not the centerpiece.

Double duty: Use napkin rings to stabilize ornaments on the table top or other surface. Place card holders are another way to label dishes in a buffet or insert verbiage pertaining to your theme.

Finishing Touches: Special items used as favors or place cards at each place setting will distinguish your table and make your guests feel appreciated.

Create consistency throughout your home: Table scapes are not just for the dinner table. Incorporate your table top theme into other parts of the house, such as the entry way, occasional tables, powder room, mantle or shelves to create a cohesive décor.

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