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A Tale of Two Tablescapes

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Why merely set a table when you can construct a scene with an inspired tablescape? If you're worried your creation won't make the grade, then heed the advice of two soiree-styling duos. The ladies behind Luxe Report Designs and Palm Beach Lately each share one of their chichi spreads as well as their secrets to a wow-worthy table.



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Sophisticated, whimsical, and feminine

THE MIXOLOGY

We used a simple color palette of lavender, gold, black, and white. The zebras became the common element used on both the table runner and the favors and also added a touch of whimsy. Pops of gold in the chargers, flatware, and scattered starbursts created some glam.

COMPATIBLE SUITORS

This was a celebration of a new baby girl on the way, but it would certainly be well suited for a birthday, bridal luncheon, or a ladies' brunch.

MOST STRIKING FEATURE
The lavender zebra tablecloth

UNEXPECTED TWIST

We had fun and splurged a bit with the favors for this event. Because it was an intimate luncheon, the budget allowed for the decorative zebra trinket boxes that guests were able to take home and put on their coffee tables or vanities.

LOCAL FIND

Tabletop starbursts from Mecox Gardens in West Palm Beach (mecox.com)

TRICK OF THE TRADE

We love using fabric remnants as table covers or runners to create

a fun, one-of-a-kind tablescape. It allows you to be more creative than limiting yourself to tablecloths.

ONE MUST ALWAYS

Layer. Create interest in the way you layer linens, dishes, a paper suite, and favors.

ONE MUST NEVER Create a tablescape that lacks your own personal taste. Make it a true reflection of your style and personality.



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Bright, preppy, and playful

THE MIXOLOGY

We created this tablescape as a tropical, Palm Beach spin on the classic holiday color palette. We started with the black-and-white tablecloth and

layered with gold chargers, punchy pink and orange florals, shell balls, ornaments, and an additional pop of pink with the napkins. We added ornate gold silverware and crystal votive candleholders to dress it up.

COMPATIBLE SUITORS

This color palette and style is very versatile and would be great for an alfresco birthday dinner or a bridal or baby shower.

MOST STRIKING FEATURE

The bold black-and-white striped tablecloth really makes the table pop. You can never go wrong with stripes, but we love how the gold tableware and pink florals soften the bold black stripe.

UNEXPECTED TWIST

Lucite chairs rented from Tentlogix (tentlogix.com)

LOCAL FIND

Ornaments and shell balls from Michaels (michaels.com)

TRICK OF THE TRADE

Spray paint. We spray paint pineapples gold for centerpieces, figurines for place-card holders, and more.

ONE MUST ALWAYS

Mix and match. We love to layer tables with old and new glassware, plates, and chargers and also mix floral centerpieces with other natural elements.

ONE MUST NEVER

Have florals or centerpieces so high they obstruct guests' views and ability to talk to each other.