

# HOLIDAY

TABLESCAPE GUIDE

## TISDALE MANOR

UNIQUE &  
CREATIVE IDEAS

DISHWARE  
TABLE LINENS  
CHILDREN'S TABLE  
AND MORE!

### HOT COCOA BAR

How to Set Up the Perfect Hot Chocolate Bar





There's nothing quite like the festive energy of Christmas, with its music, celebrations, and cozy moments spent preparing for the big day. This year, we're all about creating holiday tablescapes that combine everything we adore: warmth, elegance, charm, and just the right amount of whimsy.

I've put together some of our favorite ideas and inspiration for creating your own beautiful, memorable tablescapes this Christmas. Whether you're hosting a grand feast or an intimate gathering, these ideas will help you create a table that sparkles with holiday magic!

# Elegant and Classic Dishware



## Holiday Traditions Dinnerware Set

Elegant dinnerware features a charming holly and berry motif with gold banding for a timeless statement



## Classic Relief Pattern Gilt Edged Fine Bone China

Delicate and textured Classical Court Features. 22K Gold Plated fringe edges.



## Elegant Chinoiserie Style



Gold-painted bone china. The floral pattern uses a phoenix and peony as the main creative elements, combined with ink art, to depict a scene of a hundred birds facing the phoenix, symbolizing peace, and vitality. The hand-painted gold trim adds a touch of glamour, making it a perfect match for any occasion

# Festive and *Fun* Dishware

## Merry Grinchmas 12 Piece Set

This Lenox dinnerware set is going to steal the Christmas spotlight and your heart too! Inspired by Dr. Seuss's classic Christmas story, this set brings Whoville home with iconic characters like The Grinch himself, Cindy Lou Who, and Max the dog. Go ahead and celebrate like the Whos do—with wreaths, ornaments, banners, and bows...



## American Atelier Christmas Twig Holiday Collection

Fabulous Festive Theme features your favorite wintertime images.





# Die-Cut Paper & Placemats



Hester and Cook

## Die-Cut Santa Paper Placemat Sheets

The place mats measure 12.75 inches x 16 inches allowing for plates, silverware and glasses to easily fit on top of the unique designs and artwork from Hester and Cook.



## Paper Christmas Peppermint Candy Cane Place Mats

Pack of 50 die cut disposable peppermint candy shaped place mats.

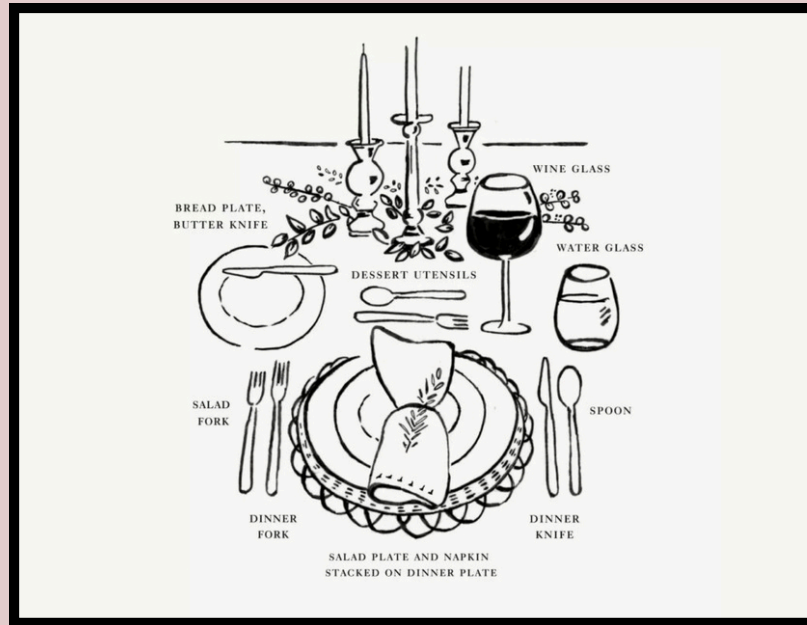
This Christmas place mat is double sided and features a red and white stripe peppermint candy on one side and red white & green striped peppermint candy on other side.



## Adorable Gingerbread House

Pad of 12 Die-Cut Paper Gingerbread House Design  
by Hester and Cook

# Traditional Table Setting Guide



You don't have to use a traditional table place setting for entertaining. You can create a thoughtful tablescape that works for the occasion and what you have on hand. Here are some tips for setting a table for different types of Holiday gatherings:

## Casual

A casual table setting is simple and practical, and can include a placemat, dinner plate, cutlery, water glass, and napkin. You can use disposable plates, cups, and cutlery. For a pop of color, you can add a table runner or use napkins in fun colors or folds.

## Family-style

For family-style meals, you can leave the plates on the table so guests can serve themselves.

## Traditional

You can use fine china, elegant table decorations, and traditional table setting rules. You can also mix and match china sets, or add colorful glassware.

## Large group

If you're expecting a large group, you can spread them out across multiple tables so each guest has at least two feet of space. Just be sure that you pay each table the same amount of attention regarding decor.

# *Unique Tablecloth Ideas*

A creative tablecloth can set the stage for your Holiday theme.

- Lay an old quilt with holiday colors or patterns over the table for a cozy, nostalgic feel. This works beautifully for a rustic or cottage-style holiday theme.
- Repurpose a large plaid blanket or scarf as a tablecloth. Plaid patterns instantly evoke holiday cheer and add warmth to your table.
- Layer a lace curtain or lace fabric over a colored tablecloth (red, green, or gold) for a delicate and elegant holiday vibe.
- Cover the table with brown kraft paper and use calligraphy or festive markers to draw place settings, menus, or whimsical holiday doodles directly on the paper.
- Use natural canvas, painter's drop cloth or burlap tablecloth for a rustic, minimal, or Scandinavian look.
- Bed sheets will have the perfect color or pattern you want to include in your Holiday look at a fraction of the cost of a tablecloth. XL Twin sheets tend to work best on a rectangular table.

# *Add a Touch of Whimsy with a Hot Chocolate Bar*



Is there anything  
sweeter than a  
Christmas Hot Cocoa Bar?

The hot cocoa bar is one of my all time favorite things to setup for the holidays. They are perfect for holiday parties and Christmas dinners, they add that little something special to the event.

Here are some of my favorite ways to create a whimsical hot cocoa bar on a budget.~

The first thing I like to do is start with a cute table runner to tie in the theme and color scheme. Next, I love to add a little tree to the cocoa bar to give the setting some height & they are so fun to decorate!

Add adorable Santa mugs and cute paper straws. They add a fun pop of color, plus they are perfect for stirring in all the delicious toppings.

Another trick I use all the time is to use wrapping paper to cover the not so pretty essentials, like the whip cream, hot fudge, and caramel sauce jars. Its an inexpensive trick that adds a fun pattern to the set up.

Clear jars are also a fun way to showcase the pretty essentials, like the red hots, sprinkles, and marshmallows.

In addition, I love to add fun Christmas signs to the display.

Finally, you are all set up and ready for holiday entertaining with our hot chocolate bar! Now all that's left is to "sip" back and relax.



# 10 Important Things to Remember when Setting Up a Children's Table

## 1. Keep It Durable and Kid-Friendly

Use unbreakable dishware and cups to avoid accidents. Melamine or bamboo plates and plastic cups work well and come in festive designs, keeping things safe without compromising style.

## 2. Make It Easy to Clean

Expect spills! Use a wipeable tablecloth or placemats, and avoid fragile or difficult-to-clean materials. A waterproof table cover or kraft paper tablecloth makes cleanup quick and easy.

## 3. Add Interactive Elements

Include items that engage kids, like coloring placemats, small toys, or holiday-themed puzzles. These can keep them entertained before and during the meal, helping to avoid restlessness.

## 4. Provide Personalized Seating

Personal touches, like name tags, make children feel special and help them identify their space. A personalized ornament, small stocking, or even a mini chalkboard with their name adds a welcoming touch.

## 5. Avoid Candles and Small Items

Opt for LED flameless candles or battery-operated fairy lights to add a soft glow without open flames. Avoid small, loose items that could be a choking hazard, especially if you're seating younger kids.

## 6. Keep It Comfortable

Make sure chairs and seating are at the right height for kids. Use cushions if needed to make them more comfortable. Cozy seats will help them enjoy the meal and feel settled.

## 7. Incorporate Festive Colors and Themes

Use vibrant holiday colors and themes that capture the magic of the season. Think about incorporating reds, greens, golds, and silvers, as well as fun holiday motifs like snowflakes, reindeer, or Santa hats.

## 8. Plan for Simple and Safe Food Serving

Keep food easy to reach and serve. For example, if you're serving snacks, place them in small, individual containers or kid-friendly bowls. This prevents spills and lets kids help themselves in a safe way.

## 9. Add a Few Festive Accessories

Fun hats, reindeer antlers, or Santa-themed headbands at each seat add a festive touch and give kids something to wear. These accessories add excitement and a sense of playfulness to the table.

## 10. Consider Take-Home Favors

A little holiday memento, like a mini stocking filled with treats or a small holiday-themed toy, can make each child feel special. A take-home gift adds to the excitement and leaves them with a lasting memory of the celebration.



Dearest Friends,

The true magic of Christmas isn't just the twinkling lights, the delicious aromas wafting from the kitchen, or the beautifully wrapped presents under the tree. While those things bring joy and warmth, the real magic lies in the moments we share with friends and family—whether it's a full house bustling with laughter or a quiet gathering with just a few cherished loved ones.

Christmas is about togetherness, love, and gratitude. It's about pausing in the midst of life's chaos to celebrate the things that truly matter: the bonds we've built, the memories we hold dear, and the hope for the future. It's a time to remember the deeper meaning of the season—the gift of love and grace that was first given to us so many years ago.

When we gather around the table, hold hands in prayer, or simply share a heartfelt laugh, we're creating something far more lasting than any gift could provide. We're fostering connections that transcend time and circumstances.

So, whether your Christmas is spent in the company of many or just a special few, know that the joy of this season is found in the love we give and receive. Let's cherish each moment, remembering that the true spirit of Christmas lives in our hearts and in the way we care for one another.

Wishing you a Christmas filled with love, peace, and the magic of togetherness.

♥ Rebeckah