Two Tablescapes from Summer to Fall

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Adding pinecones

So many people are posting fall items now, but quite honestly, it's hard to think of autumn when it is over 100 degrees. Inspired by this dilemma of a hot summer but longing for cooler temperatures, here are two seasonal tablescapes, utilizing some of the same elements, but creating two totally different vibes.

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Chloe from Celebrate and Decorate @celebrateanddecorate

There are two talented women who encourage me to think out of the box when setting a table. Chloe from <u>Celebrate and Decorate</u> oozes of talent and innovation. You may recall, Chloe using a large antler shed last November and making the centerpiece of a gorgeous table out in our orchard. See that post *here*.

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Bonnie Chase Designs @bonniechasedesigns

Though I have never met Bonnie Chase from <u>Bonnie Chase</u> <u>Designs</u>, I follow her on Instagram and drool over her beautiful tables. Check her out at @bonniechasedesigns. So channeling my inner Chloe and Bonnie, I set forth in creating a summer and fall tablescape.

Summer Tablescape



In the most recent My French Country Home box, the theme for

August is Saint-Tropez. (If you are unfamiliar with this quarterly subscription, see more information <u>here</u>). A pretty raspberry and white striped fouta is made exclusively for My French Country Home and is just stunning. What is a fouta, you ask?

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Pink and white fouta

The fouta is a piece of thin patterned cotton or linen fabric of Yemeni origin used in many Mediterranean countries and Yemen. Among other uses, they were worn, by both men and women, wrapped around the body while at the public baths in 19th-century Syria. However, this large fouta is perfect as a tablecloth.

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Starting with a green basketweave dinner plate from Pier 1 Imports, I add my cherished Wild Strawberry pattern teacups from Wedgwood. I bought these at Harrod's in London many moons ago. The embroidered "C" napkin is an online order by Jan de Luz linens in Carmel, CA.

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Flowers from Safeway

There is something very summery about pink and green~perfect for a Sunday breakfast. Pink flowers, such as these very fragrant star lilies are cut short and placed in glass juice glasses. Have you ever seen this multi-petal lily before? My husband did buy them at AJ' Fine Foods.

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Wallace Napolean Bee Flatware

My trusty Wallace Napolean Bee flatware adds a bit of gold to the place setting. I just purchased another set of 8 as I find I am using this all the time. I cannot say enough about this flatware! You can find it here.

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Since this is a breakfast table, I add my Wedgwood tea pot and sugar bowl. Pink etched glasses from Pier 1 are perfect for water (or wine or mimosas?).

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Bejeweled frog box

I do like to add something a bit whimsical and unexpected to the table. Meet my bejeweled frog box. I don't really like knick-knacks, but this little guy just makes me happy.

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A Summer Breakfast table for two

So here is my summer breakfast table for two. Now let's move into the fall season.

Fall Tablescape

This wool blanket reminds me of fall tailgating parties and has all the luscious colors for the season. I will use this as my tablecloth. Here are some <u>similar wool blankets</u>. You can use many things as tablecloths-shawls, scarves, throws or a piece of fabric. Use your imagination!

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Using a blanket as a table cloth

Utilizing some of the same elements as my Summer breakfast table, it's easy to change it up a bit for Fall.

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Here you can see I am using the same green basketweave plate, but am adding a clear gold rim salad plate (from Leslie Roy) and Villeroy & Boch yellow and green plates and an espresso cup and saucer.

Same silverware, different napkins. These hemstitched yellow linen ones are from Sferra. See them <u>here</u>. You can also find similar ones on Amazon <u>here</u>. The wine glass has autumn tones in the stem but I cannot recall where I purchased these.

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For flowers, orange hue roses and alstroemerias (from Safeway) are cut short and again, put into small juice glasses. Our huge pine tree in the front yard is dropping gorgeous pinecones every day. Using items from your yard or garden is such an affordable way to add nature to your centerpiece.

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Even the frog looks at home in his new habitat!

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Overall, just a few additions and you can use your dishes to change the look of the table from season to season.

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Wherever you live, I hope you are enjoying the end of summer or the beginning of fall. Here it will be hot for several more weeks, but as it does every year, the cooler climate will be here before we know it.

Have a happy Tuesday!

Mary

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