

Happy Memorial Day Weekend!



Greetings from the White Mountains of Arizona. We are up at our cabin and the weather is 60 degrees this morning with sunny, clear blue skies.

The community in Pinetop-Lakeside is small, with limited shopping and resources. Other than a few local grocery stores, you need to drive to the next largest town, which is Show Low for a Walmart or a Home Depot.



True confessions first. I am not a shopper. It is one of my least favorite things to do. Given the choice between spending the day shopping or cleaning toilets, I would choose the toilets. However, there are bloggers I follow who seem to discover hidden gems at WalMart so yesterday I decided to muster up the courage and go.

Trip to Walmart

With the Memorial holiday upon us, Walmart has an aisle display with their seasonal items. Here is where I found [Ree Drummond's The Pioneer Woman line of products](#).



[Ree Drummond](#) is a blogger, author, food writer and television personality who lives on a working ranch in Oklahoma. Her style is mix and match, flea market and everything handed down from your grandmother.



Quite honestly, I don't know much about her but I like her charming brand. She apparently has a line of dishes and other products there which I didn't seek.

Please note that I am not fond of paper anything as I would much rather use dishes. But these dinner plates are 11" wide and 1.25" deep and do not feel flimsy.



The ruffled edge has such a vintage feel and look. The coating on the plates gives some substance to the paper, vs. styrofoam or plain paper plates.



The Buffalo check tablecloth is 60" x 84", slightly smaller than our outside primitive pine dining table, but I like some of the wood showing on the ends. It is a light weight fabric but it does the trick!

The napkins have a cute pale blue dot and a gingham decorative edge. I like how they feel patriotic without being obvious.



Inside the napkin there is a recipe printed for Ree's Spicy Dr. Pepper Shredded Pork, which serves 18! Cute idea.



The Centerpiece

With no fresh flowers and outdoor plants limited to pine trees, I found artificial geraniums and ivy in the garage. Using an old wooden dough bowl as the base, I spread the

geraniums out and stuck flags and pinwheels in for color and theme.





All in all, I am pleased with The Pioneer Woman products! They certainly provide a festive, patriotic theme for this Memorial Day weekend and at an affordable cost.



What are your plans for this weekend? I plan on spending some time today painting on a canvas and just enjoying the peace and quiet of the pines. We went out to dinner to a real restaurant last night~~the first time in months! It is so joyful to be able to carefully socialize again.



Let us pause to reflect upon the selfless men and women who have honorably served our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice to allow us our freedom. We pay tribute to their memory and remain forever indebted to them for their service. Happy Memorial Day!

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Tablecloth \$14.99

Napkins- 20 count \$2.98

Dinner Plates 8 count \$2.98

Salad Plates 12 count \$2.98

Pinwheels \$0.98 each