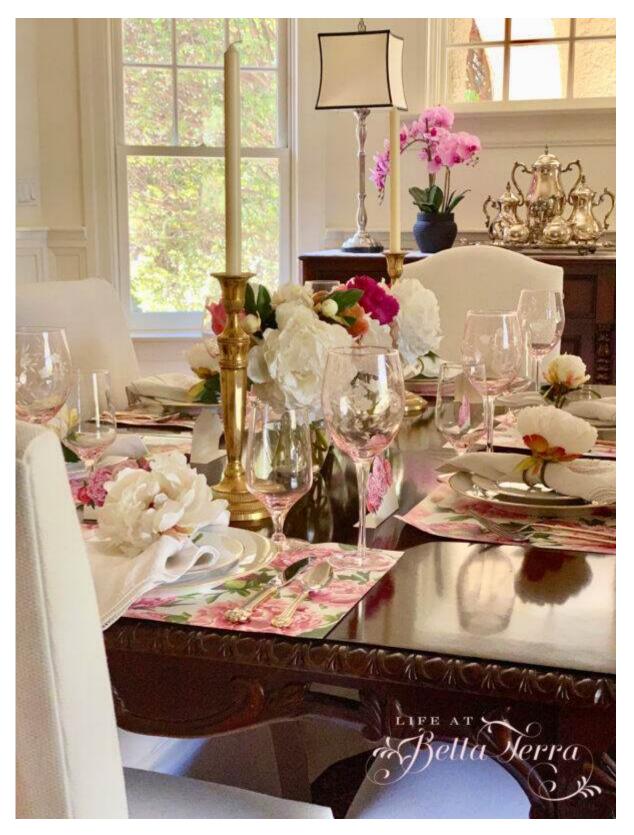
## **Peony-Themed Luncheon**



Teaming up with <u>Kristin from White Arrows Home</u>, <u>Andrea from Design Morsels</u>, <u>Tarah from Grandma's House DIY</u> and <u>Chas from Chas's Crazy Creations</u> for our DIY Blog Hop this month with

projects for our dining rooms! (Make sure and check out all of the dining room projects following this tutorial)

Many of my friends are still hunkering down due to the virus, but I long to have them over for a meal. I dream about entertaining again and since it is June, it is peony season. Unfortunately we cannot grow these beauties in Phoenix~~way too hot. Getting peonies at the store is unpredictable due to lack of inventory or poor quality.

But I love this ruffly, delicate flower and I wish I could just go outside and cut them. Instead, I get to create the atmosphere of peony abundance in our dining room and thankfully there are items that can help.



Hester & Cook sells "Peonies in Bloom" placemats, wrapping paper and place cards. The placemats are in a pad of 24 and they are designed and printed in the USA. I love the size $\sim$ 12 1/4" x 18 1/4"  $\sim$ large enough for a full place setting.



Their coordinating wrapping paper is perfect for small guest gifts or to use as a runner down the center of the table. The place cards come in a pack of 12.



I tend to over think the dishes I will use. Selecting a plain white plate (from Pottery Barn) with a simple gold edge doesn't compete with the beautiful peony pattern.



Organizing my china storage with photo labels

Though the dishes are a bit whiter than the placemats, I like them better than a creamier pattern. After trying multiple combinations of different china, I stick with my first choice. To see how I organize my china, please click <a href="here">here</a>.







Once the dishes are selected, the table is able to come together rather quickly.

Using artificial white and blush peonies, I make simple napkin rings by wrapping the stem in a circle. These <u>silk peonies</u> are from The Enchanted Home.





Faux peony napkin holder with antique napkins

The pink stemware is a combination of new and old. The wine glass is a Pier 1 Imports purchase, while the water glass is a vintage shop find.



Wine glass from Pier 1

The flatware is from <u>Horchow</u> and I find it so versatile because of the combination of gold and silver. The bee motif complements the flower theme. It appears that Horchow is out of stock but you can get this flatware through <u>Wayfair</u>.



The peony place cards fold and stand by themselves.



The dining room table is set for 6. The floral arrangements are a combination of fresh and faux peonies, cut low enough for conversation.





I like the colorful placemats against the mahogany table. I may not be able to grow fresh peonies here in the Valley of the Sun, but this happy, colorful and floral setting is perfect for a June luncheon.



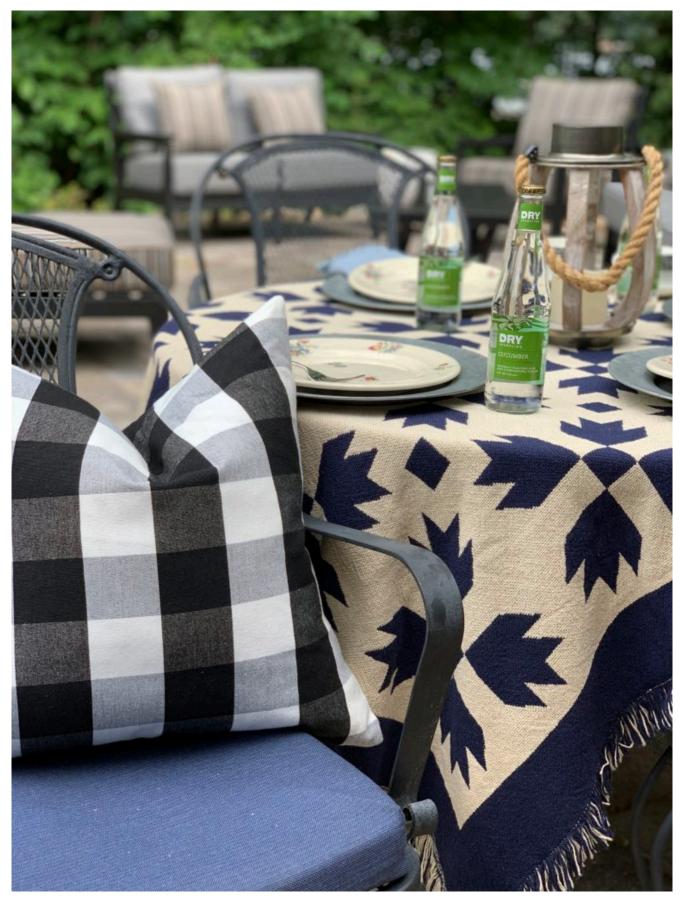
So now that I have the table all set, my family will get the chance to enjoy it this weekend. I hope everyone can enjoy some peace and quiet this weekend. Have a blessed weekend.

This is my first "link" party and here is some information about the other participants.

Andrea from Design Morsels has such an eye for great design.
Check out her custom dining room bookcases!



<u>Kristin from White Arrows Home</u> has a fabulous lakeside log cabin in Wisconsin and I love her mountain style.



Chas from Chas's Crazy Creations is so innovative! She can turn just about any thrift store item into something delightful!



<u>Tarah from Grandma's House DIY</u> lives in a 1915 farmhouse in Minnesota and is constantly sharing her renovations and inspirations.



Now if you would like to share your dining room projects or ideas, please click on the link below.

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