

# The Christmas Dinner Table



With only 3 days until Christmas, I always like to set my table ahead of time to minimize the chaos on Christmas Day. Inspired by my pink and burgundy dining room holiday decor, I did a completely new tablescape this year. Thanks for joining me and I hope you enjoy my Christmas Dinner table.

## Protecting the Table



We have a custom table pad made by Guardian (however, I cannot find them online). Padding on the table top accomplishes a few things. First it protects the surface of the table. Next, and perhaps what I like most, is that the pad softens the sound of table activity~for example placing your glass down after using it. Subtle as it may be, you can register when there isn't a pad or protective layer, as the table will echo the noise.

## The Tablecloths



Sorry for the bizarre color~photo taken at night

For this setting, I am using two tablecloths~a larger lace white one first, and then a smaller burgundy/pink toile fabric one. Toile designs depict pastoral scenes, farm life and hunting scenes. My source for the tablecloth is Williams Sonoma, but it appears they do not carry it in stock anymore. Here is [a link](#) to a gorgeous toile fabric you can buy by the yard.

# The Place Setting



Napkins are trimmed with greens and berries

If you read my blog post about the DIY napkin project that I completely botched (see post [here](#)), you will be pleased to see these beautiful napkins. My sister, Susie, read my post and as a Christmas gift, embroidered much prettier ones! What a nice sister!



Chargers were discovered through my friend, Barbara at Mantel and Table

The antique silver chargers can be found at Amazon (set of six [here](#)) and though they look like real silver, they are melamine. Hard to believe, right? Silver rimmed, white dishes are from Pottery Barn and have a picture of each of Santa's reindeer on them.



The pink wine goblets are from Pier One and the vintage water ones are part of my collection. They are a subtle link to the pink holiday theme of the fresh Christmas tree.

# The Centerpiece



Fresh greens, and a collection of tinsel and white feather trees gather in the middle of the table. Individual silver mint julep cups hold fresh pink roses, evergreens and a sparkly blush-toned pinecone.



Votive candles in a rose tone (from West Elm) add another glow of light to the centerpiece. Pomegranates are strewn

throughout to add a deeper shade of red to the table.



## Decorating the Chairs

Each chair is adorned with a boxwood wreath and pale pink satin ribbon. These are pinned to the tops of the upholstered chairs. Wreaths are a Ballard Design purchase, during one of their sales events. They look lovely year after year.



Inspiration is a funny thing~I am such a visual person and sometimes an idea is sparked by the most random thing. I haven't used this toile tablecloth in years, yet here it is working beautifully for the holidays. The burgundy ribbon is another relic found in the bottom of a Christmas bin.



Even my friend and Pilates teacher, Heather, found the perfect ornament to match my pink tree!



I do feel so Blessed

Today is food shopping for our holiday dinner and one more zoning case. Then I can finally relax and wrap gifts and enjoy these last few days before the 25th.

Since I will be taking the rest of the week off and spending the time with my family, I want to wish you and yours the happiest of holidays. Whatever you are celebrating, I hope you are surrounded by love and laughter. Each day I am so grateful for your interest in our pursuits here at Bella Terra. From

the bottom of my heart, thank you for following me. Have a fabulous week and stay safe and healthy.

*Mary*

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