

The Table is Set!



I didn't intend for the Thanksgiving centerpiece to match the artwork in the dining room but it happily does! Every few months I've been hanging different art, trying to find just

the right piece.

It's easy to decorate the same way year after year and there's comfort in that. But how do I use what I have and put a different spin on it? The crosshatched mercury candleholders in a coppery tone from [West Elm](#) was the first step of the inspiration. They were on sale for \$5.00 each.



A few years ago, I started using plants as the majority staple in my centerpieces, adding a small amount of cut flowers. Planting them in the yard later is a way of re-purposing and seemed more economical. We are so fortunate to have a fabulous nursery ([Whitfill Nursery](#)) right around the corner from our home.



Whitfill has the most beautiful Cinnamon Petunias with lovely rusty, coral flowers. Succulents are a mystery to me, but the green and bronze hues are so perfect with my candle holders. The plant list includes: White Ornamental cabbage, Red Bor Kale; the succulents are Graptoeria Fredives and Vera Higgins Graptosedum.

I am a bit of a garden geek and Whitfill Nursery is one of my happy places. Where else can you go look at a huge variety of plants, see peacocks and goats, interact with a welcoming and helpful staff on a gorgeous sunny day?



The cut flowers are alstroemeria and roses from Safeway.



I transplanted all the plants out of their plastic containers into plain white bowls (Emma pattern from [Pottery Barn](#)). Flowers are placed at various heights in small glass vases and tucked into the plants.





Again, my Windsor Ware plates are just perfect for this time of year. I chose to use a darker wood charger, softened with pale pink wine glasses. White and orange pumpkins were added to play down the white bowls.



I had some leftover seeded eucalyptus which I randomly stuffed into the edges.



It's nice to have the table set and ready to go. Today we will do all the food shopping and pick up the turkey. I expect the stores to be a bit of a madhouse in the midst of the holiday rush. The next few days will include many hours in the

kitchen~~a joyful time indeed!



Is your table set? Have you done all your shopping? Or better yet, are you going elsewhere for Thanksgiving dinner?

Happy Tuesday, my dear friends.

Mary