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Thanksgiving Tablescape Ideas

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Nothing says "Happy Thanksgiving" quite like a house filled with fresh fall décor. But how do you dress up your dinner table for the annual feast? From incredible centerpieces to pretty place cards, you can create a charming display with some seasonal touches.

Create Gourd-geous Centerpieces

The quickest way to an attractive Thanksgiving table is with squash, pumpkins, and gourds aplenty. Since each piece of produce has its own unique shape, color, and texture, you can build a festive centerpiece in no time at all. Simply pile small produce in a wicker basket, glass jar, or empty window box, or scatter little pumpkins and votive candles across your table for a simple yet sweet look.

For something a little fancier, try gilding your gourds. With a bit of spray paint or a gold leafing pen, you can add a golden glow to your table. Turn miniature pumpkins into glamorous place cards or small squash into elegant table accents. When paired with bouquets of fresh flowers and cream-colored lace, these gorgeous gourds will make a memorable Thanksgiving tablescape.



Go with Garland

Did you know that you can revitalize a room with harvest garland? From decorating a banister to framing a doorway, garland can spruce up any space. In fact, you can create quite the focal point for your feast by wrapping garland around your dining room chandelier. All you need to do is interlace burlap pieces, silk flowers, decorative picks, and garland throughout your light fixture. When everything's in place, your fabulous decoration will provide plenty of holiday cheer overhead.

Garlands can also make an instant centerpiece when draped down the center of your Thanksgiving table. To produce an impressive table runner, simply lay the garland down on your table lengthwise. Then, tuck in a few fresh-cut flowers for a splash of color. For a bit of an unexpected twist, include your favorite fruits and vegetables of the season within your design.



Rely on Leaves

If you're running low on time before the big turkey day, look to the leaves outside. You can actually do many things with freshly fallen

Fashion a Fall Candle Centerpiece

Using leftover leaves, you can embellish everyday candles with ease. Just layer some leaves around each candle, and tie them in place with twine.

Create Pressed-Leaf Plates

Bring fall beauty to your feast with small leaf springs. Place one or two clippings at each place setting, topping it with a transparent glass plate. Your guests will be impressed by the subtle fall flair of these pressed leaves.

Form Fall Leaf Streamers

Love the look of falling leaves? Well, you can replicate the effect right above your dinner table! String three to five crisp leaves together with a nylon line, leaving extra length at the end. After each leaf is in the perfect position, tie the streamer to your light fixture. Use four or five of these streamers to beautifully bring the outdoors in.

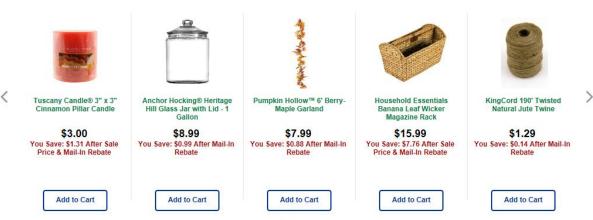
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