

Holiday Entertaining

Festive Holiday Tables Made Easy

(NAPSA)—Create fabulous holiday memories that will impress every guest. Celebrity Home and Style Designer Stephen Saint-Onge shares holiday entertaining ideas that are easy and affordable, to help create a memorable holiday setting for you and your guests to enjoy all season long.

“The holidays are all about your senses, and being affected and moved by your surroundings,” says Saint-Onge. “A few simple details added to your space—candlelight, tableware, festive accessories and luxurious linens—all create an instant holiday makeover by making an ordinary room extraordinary.”

Saint-Onge offers these festive and inexpensive ideas for holiday entertaining:

- Always use candles when entertaining to establish a warm and inviting atmosphere.

- Combine faux florals, sparkling ornaments and fresh flowers to create a centerpiece that can be used for various gatherings. Just replace fresh flowers to change the look.

- Focus on decorating the spaces that guests see first and gather in most, such as the foyer and living areas.

- Set a holiday welcome table in the foyer with flutes filled with champagne and sparkling pomegranate juice, interspersed with simple votives.

- Be casual yet festive by layering opposite-shaped plates in an unexpected holiday color to form an interesting setting. A surprising color such as copper adds a stunning element when paired with more traditional tones of green and gold.

- Dine in an unexpected location, such as the terrace or the library, to add surprise and inter-



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est to your gathering.

- Instead of using a traditional tablecloth, let the natural beauty of the table shine through and use a beautiful runner or two for a unique layered effect.

- Look around your space and let your surroundings and the architecture of your space inspire you to make an ordinary room extraordinary.

- Pick up a new element to update the look of your table, such as antiques-like stemware or festive salad plates, for a new take on your usual table.

- Maximize your budget by shopping at an off-price retailer such as HomeGoods. Your money will go a lot further and their tremendous selection will get your creative juices flowing, whether you're looking for that unique piece to update your current table or for a whole new look.

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