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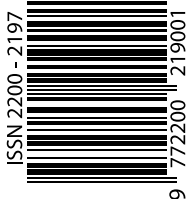
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# 1 SET THE SCENE

Create a concept with **divine decorations**. These range from a statement centrepiece, coloured jars or unique place card holders to tie the table together.

## 01: BLISSFUL BLOOMS

Charming and elegant, the collection of Bliss vases will add character to your table setting. Match the colour of your flowers to your desired theme and pop two or three stems into each vase. [janusetcie.com](http://janusetcie.com)

## 02: PERFECT PLACES

Demonstrate your marbleous attention to detail with these cute card holders from Marble Basics. A discreet yet inventive way to let your guests know where they're sitting. [marblebasics.com.au](http://marblebasics.com.au)

## 03: SIMPLE STRUCTURES

Strong enough to stand alone, these two triangular marble sculptures also work well mixed with other elements such as glass bottles and vases with wildflowers strewn at their base. [macyhome.co.nz/shop](http://macyhome.co.nz/shop)

## 04: FRONT AND CENTRE

Don't cover a beautiful tabletop, line it with an earthy table runner. Burnt reds and oranges evoke sunburnt soil and balance out the formality of a dinner party. [amalfihomewares.com.au](http://amalfihomewares.com.au)

## 05: FATAL ATTRACTION

What's a dinner party without a centrepiece? The Sakura teapot is adorned with detailed flowers and foliage that stretch across the belly, handle and finial. Pure white porcelain is affixed to a hand-carved wooden base. [janusetcie.com](http://janusetcie.com)

## 06: FLOATING FLICKERS

Mixing textures for added depth, Nick and the Candlestick by Lindsey Adelman comprises nine polished brass pieces of various heights that sit atop a walnut tray. The brass shafts finish with a sharp and narrowing point to give the illusion of candles floating above their own reflections. [criteriacollection.com.au](http://criteriacollection.com.au)

## 07: COOL CURVES

The slanted opening of this 2.2-litre carafe from Taylor Road complements the bell-shaped stem. Use to serve chilled water or decanted red wine. [taylorroad.co.nz](http://taylorroad.co.nz)

## 08: KEEP IT CLEAN

Generously sized, these linen napkins measure 43.5 centimetres squared. Your guests can dress to impress with their minds at ease knowing

you've got them covered. [clareloves.co.uk](http://clareloves.co.uk)

## 09: BLUE LAGOON

Whether they're holding a single stem, half filled with sand or standing on their own, use coloured glass bottles to decorate the dining table for an earthy, beachy effect. [taradennis.com.au](http://taradennis.com.au)

## 10: FORBIDDEN FRUIT

There's a transparent beauty and an essence of flawed perfection present in the glazed Eve apples. Handmade from cracked blown glass, they're available in six colours. Why not splash out and buy them all? [janusetcie.com](http://janusetcie.com)



# 2 DRINKS ON ARRIVAL

Establish an air of sophistication with **entrées and apéritifs**. Keep the champagne flowing or shake things up with a cocktail. Team polished silver with accents of rich amethyst-coloured glass and veined marble.

## 01: COAST TO COAST

Not only do these Harrison coasters look chic, but they'll also help you keep your table in tip-top shape. A subtly indented well and smooth rim avoids moisture leaking onto the table. [potterybarn.com.au](http://potterybarn.com.au)

## 02: SHAPESHIFTER

Serve up your creations on something different. This marble hexagonal tray offers a unique way to display entrées, hors d'oeuvres or an always popular spread of cheese and crackers. [macyhome.co.nz/shop](http://macyhome.co.nz/shop)

## 03: ORDER UP

A little bit kitsch and a little bit cool, whatever you're making, do it with a cocktail kit. [koskela.com.au](http://koskela.com.au)

## 04: EQUILIBRIUM

The understated design of the Radford cheese knives allows them to fit into any decorating scheme. The high-quality stainless steel renders them a welcome addition to any tabletop. [taylorroad.co.nz](http://taylorroad.co.nz)

## 05: PERFECTLY IMPERFECT

Serve your canapés on something a little less refined. The Flax charger platters show character in their imperfections and add a little bit of quirk to a formal evening. [stirlingdesign.com.au](http://stirlingdesign.com.au)

## 06: WHITE KNIGHT

To break up the silver or add some texture, marble is refined and raw. These fun, hexagonal coasters can be used to protect surfaces or even as a stand for other adornments. [marblebasics.com.au](http://marblebasics.com.au)

## 07: DOWN THE LINE

The Flax oval platters sit at home along the centre of the dining table or buffet — the perfect length for a crusty French baguette or a sumptuous line-up of hors d'oeuvres. [stirlingdesign.com.au](http://stirlingdesign.com.au)

## 08: FREE SPIRIT

What could be more appealing than a well-made cocktail? The Harrison bar tool set comes with a jigger, strainer, bar spoon, opener and a stand to display it all. [potterybarn.com.au](http://potterybarn.com.au)

## 09: KEEP IT TOGETHER

Each of these four silver-plated napkin rings is unique, with delicate reeding and beading markings creating a grosgrain pattern. [wedgwood.com.au](http://wedgwood.com.au)

## 10: SLIDE ON OVER

Making entertaining that much easier, the Brooke bar cart features handles on both sides and functioning wheels, while a hand-applied finish in polished nickel cements its style. [potterybarn.com.au](http://potterybarn.com.au)

## 11: TOO COOL TO CARE

Keep your wine chilled with panache. This stainless-steel wine chiller incorporates a leather handle for textural contrast and increased insulation to retain optimal temperature. [janusetcie.com](http://janusetcie.com)



## Feeling Dandy

The Elysian brandy and champagne glasses feature bold amethyst rims with a gold shadow gap. They will coax your guests into extended dinners, long conversations and delicious drinks. [waterfordcrystal.com.au](http://waterfordcrystal.com.au)