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CATERERS, DECORATORS, & HOME ENTERTAINERS

10-STEP GUIDE  
TO STYLISH  
BUFFET  
TABLESCAPES

ATTAINABLE LUXURY  
UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

# Welcome

As you may have experienced, stylish buffet tablescapes are a wonderful art-form expression that offers an inviting and personal element of entertaining. Be it an intimate at-home or large-scale affair, stylish buffets are no longer a hasty aspect of social gatherings. In fact, it is an important feature that requires thoughtful planning, creativity, and execution. This focused effort is a necessary and worthwhile investment as it makes your guests feel valued, and showcases *You*, as the *Hero* of your event.

So how do you create stylish buffet tablescapes? Let's indulge as we're delighted to share fun and exciting decorating tips within our 10-step guide!

# Stylish Chafingware

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## The Missing Element

The missing element to a stylish buffet tablescape lies within the limitations of the chafingware market. Chafing dishes today remain one-dimensional in use, and are simply unappealing! Elevate your buffet with stylish multi-functional chafingware, and discover the luxury appeal of metallic hues and timeless textures with complementary accessories. Utilizing such stylish wares easily integrate with contemporary serveware and party décor, which is essential for a cohesive well-polished look.

# Tablescape Design & Color Palettes

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When designing a buffet tablescape consider the occasion, season, theme, and honoree preferences. Peruse your personal inventory, and then party/ décor stores to formulate ideas. Next, determine your base color and choose at least two accent colors for visual effect (you can also incorporate patterns and textures for added interest). Utilize the aforementioned assets as tools to guide your design for the initial framework, but find what inspires you, and explore within these boundaries.

# Feast Your Eyes

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### Creative Focal Point

When establishing a stylish buffet, create a focal point that gives character, and expression to your tablescape. You may shop for a stand out item that embodies the purpose of the occasion, or create a custom treasure that brings to life the purpose for gathering. Whichever the case, your focal point should serve as the main attraction, and produce a wow-factor effect for the eyes of your guests. Remember to secure your focal point (and supportive props, if applicable), and ensure placements are balanced.

# Food Decor

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### The Main Accent

When establishing the menu, select hot, cold, and neutral served foods that are appropriate for the occasion, and inclusive of colors complimentary to your tablescape. Display elegant food or beverage product packaging as décor to set the tone for a stylish buffet. Additionally, consider incorporating food artistry into your menu. Items that serve double duty as food and décor are always a winner, as this fun and entertaining presentation often translates to an inviting conversation piece for your guests to enjoy!

# Stylish Tableware

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## The Perfect Complement

Stylish tableware is a décor element of absolute necessity. Whether you choose formal tableware or premium disposables, there is no shortage of sophistication. Intermingle the two for added flair. For example, layer disposable fashion dinner plates on an accent charger in lieu of the traditional caddy. You can also repurpose accent décor for utility of storage for buffet accessories, and non-perishable items. To create your signature style tablescape, explore beyond the ordinary for extraordinary appeal!

# Tablecloths

## The Foundational Layer

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To create a stylish buffet, choose a tablecloth congruent to your tablescape, but also of equal importance is the design style and quality of fabric. Next, opt for embellishment articles such as skirts, overlays, runners, etc. However, uniquely fashion articles in such a manner that produces a tailor made look for your tablecloth arrangement. Once established, you can also add a layer of decorative trim for accent. Lastly, for a flawless presentation, always ensure tablecloths/articles are pristine and wrinkle free.

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# Tabletop

## Your Canvas

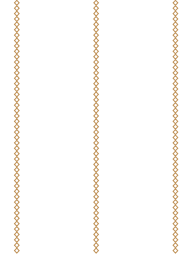
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The tabletop is the canvas-- as it frames the story of your tablescape. Start by ensuring adequate real estate is available to allow for a strategic layout. Further, if you choose to minimize embellishment articles (previously noted), create a customized tabletop for a dramatic display. Explore elegant options such as mirror plates, marble, or any suitable material of your choice for a stunning tablescape effect. For inspiration, stay tuned for our official website! Also, view *Table Wars* on HGTV and Discovery+ for creative ideas.

# Staging & Preparation

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Preset your stylish buffet tablescape in advance of the event by staging the tablecloth, articles of embellishments, focal point, and chafing/serve wares, risers, etc. Doing so will allow you to account for, and inspect all items. Next, pre-determine “how” menu items are placed in/on dishes, and “where” dishes are placed on table for design and symmetry. Take pictures of key details and overall views, and critique for additional adjustments as needed. Also, revisit guest list to confirm adequate food is prepared.



# Finishing Touches

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Before finalizing, identify white space that can be further optimized to showcase your stylish buffet tablescape. Use design elements such as tulle, scatter gems, or florals as fillers for added continuity. If you have a swanky invitation or picture of the honoree, frame and place on a metal cake stand adorned with crystal pendants for display. Finally, gracing your tablescape with a decorative bowl of decadent personalized chocolates is always a welcomed pleasure for the start of a memorable ending.

# Buffet safety Tips & Décor

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Disinfect chafing/serve wares and utensils with US EPA<sup>1</sup> approved sanitizers labeled for “food contact surfaces” and “SARS-CoV-2” (or related viruses<sup>2</sup>). Shop local or on-line retail stores, and perform search utilizing the above text as specified. Carefully read and follow the “Directions For Use” on product labels to ensure maximum effectiveness.

You can also continue to promote personal safety while maintaining aesthetics by creating event themed sanitation stations. For precautionary measures, have PPE such as hand sanitizers, masks, etc. available for guests. Place items in decorative baskets and trays, or create ornate coverings for containers complimentary to your stylish buffet.

<sup>1</sup>United States Environmental Protection Agency

<sup>2</sup>COVID-19, Human Coronavirus, Coronavirus



# Thank You

It's been our pleasure to share these decorating tips with you! We hope you feel equipped and inspired to create a stylish buffet tablescape as the main headliner for your next event.

If you would like to receive more information regarding the launch of our exclusive product line, Brogil Chafingware Collection, please join our mailing list. Also, follow us on social media for seasonal tablescapes, and more!