

# Decorator's Notebook

## Set The Table For “Then” Or “Now”

(NAPSA)—Whether it’s inherited china from Grandma or place settings straight off the wedding registry, the choice of accessories and tabletop decor can bring old-world charm to new dinnerware or freshen beloved family heirlooms.

Fiesta Dinnerware, which celebrated its 75th anniversary this year, offers some tips on how to set the table with something old and new.

### From Contemporary To Country Cottage

Even modern solid-colored dinnerware can translate to a fresh, vintage look when paired with well-picked accessories. Place sprigs of herbs in petite vases in a row down the middle of the table, or use a white cotton tablecloth with a touch of lace. Incorporate natural materials like jute through place mats, or bring in sun-washed colors like buttercream through cloth napkins, which can often be picked up for next to nothing at yard sales or secondhand shops. Don’t be afraid to mix and match complementary colors in order to come up with a complete set. And, in lieu of water glasses, pick up a few Mason jars.

### From Traditional To Trendy

No matter the color scheme, there’s always a way to update traditional styles—even the floral pastels of Grandma’s best china. Just incorporate more intense versions of the colors. A simple apple-green table runner, for example, could play up flowers in the dinnerware’s design, and feels fresher than a traditional tablecloth. By adding dishes in



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solid colors like Marigold, Fiesta’s new color of the year, or Turquoise, you can create a timeless yet perky feel.

Items with curving, Art Deco-style lines—like the company’s sleek Disc Pitcher—can also provide a bridge between today’s geometric prints and yesterday’s elaborate designs.

### From Transitional To Timely

Many people have dinnerware and other accessories that are considered “transitional”—with stylized floral patterns or a simple printed border—and that lend themselves easily to “then” and “now.”

For example, dinnerware with an ombré design—in which one color gradually fades into a second—can feel modern and funky when served with square bowls in a solid coordinating color, but just as easily goes vintage if a calico-print tablecloth and fresh bouquet of flowers are on the table.

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