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eco-chic and cheap



Rejoice! "Holiday entertaining doesn't have to be a huge expense," says April Milliken Trigg, founder of eventologie, an Atlanta-based environmentally friendly event-planning firm. Here, Trigg offers budget-conscious tips for setting an eco-chic holiday table.

THANKSGIVING BOUNTY

- Fill a basket or bowl with in-season squashes or mini-pumpkins for a harvest-inspired centerpiece.
- Scatter autumn leaves and pinecones on your table.
- Mix and match your everyday dishes with Thanksgiving-themed serving bowls or with salad plates featuring fall colors, such as ochre or a coppery red.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

- Sprinkle rock salt "snow" and wintry pine needles down the center of the table.
- Try a potted poinsettia or holly bush as a centerpiece, or a bowl or vase brimming with red apples and cranberries.
- Pair napkins with ornaments you have on hand, such as candy canes or silvery bells; loosely loop a festive ribbon around each napkin "package."

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