

COME ON OVER!



There's a PARTY IN THE HOUSE! Bring your A-game to your next get-together by combining CHILLED-OUT NEUTRALS with DROP-DEAD GORGEOUS golden details.

NOTHING MAKES A HOME GLOW the way a party does, when a bunch of friends get together to share a few drinks, good food and plenty of laughs. Of course, it greatly helps if the setting, your home, is up to the task – which is why we've created this sleek, achievable look for you to try. It's a simple recipe really – start with a relaxed vibe that uses natural tones and textures as its base, mix it with a splash of glamour to create a sense of occasion, shake, serve, and let the good times roll! →

OPPOSITE PAGE Chandelier, \$1800, Mitchell Road Antique And Design Centre. **Sphere dining table** in White Marble, \$2795, Space To Create. **Curio "Cane" chair** in Black, \$595, and **console** in Natural, \$3380, Clickon Furniture. **Nightscape I, artwork**, \$715 (framed), The Vignette Room. **ON CONSOLE** FROM LEFT Medium: "Pebble" **vase** in Snow Swirl, \$220, large **salad bowl** in Tortoiseshell, \$255 and medium "Studio" **vase** in White Marble, \$320, Dinosaur Designs. **Fleur large cylinder vase**, \$119.95, Domayne. **Square tray**, \$225, Marble Basics. **Gentlemen's Hardware cocktail shaker**, \$49.95, The Vignette Room. **Marquis Brady decanter** (part of set), \$399, and **Lismore Encore decanter**, \$499, Waterford. **Winemaker's Project Clare Valley Botrytis Riesling**, about \$22 for 375ml, Taylors Wines. **Robert Gordon medium "Merchant" plates** in Charcoal, \$18.95 each, and **bowls**, \$23.95 each, Collector Store. **ON TABLE** FROM LEFT Harper **dinner plates**, \$19.95 each, Country Road. **Basix linen napkins** in Ayrtton, \$22 each, Hale Mercantile Co. **Gold cutlery**, \$49 for a 5-piece setting, West Elm. **Cross base vase**, \$99, West Elm. **Argus salt and pepper shakers**, \$59.95, Country Road. **Harper candles**, medium, \$29.95, and small, \$19.95, Country Road. **Cloud bowl** in Brass, \$180, Dinosaur Designs. **Harper champagne flute**, \$14.95, **wineglass**, \$14.95, and **tumbler**, \$12.95, Country Road. **Lismore Essence Champagne saucer**, \$249 for 2, Waterford. **ON KITCHEN BENCH** Creatista Plus **coffee machine**, \$799, Nespresso. *Available from October 31.* **BEC WEARS** Almos&Here "Zoe" **top**, \$59.95, The Iconic. **Split leg pants** in Milk White, \$169.95, Witchery. **Aubrey shoes**, \$199.95, Sol Sana. **Long "Maquette" earring** in Gold, \$1750, Sarah & Sebastian. **THIS PAGE** FROM LEFT **Console**, as before. **Melrose tray**, \$109.95 for 2, The Vignette Room. **Marquis Brady tumblers**, \$140 for 4, Waterford. **Vodka**, \$70 for 750ml, VDKA6100. **Lumini trinket plate**, \$19.95 for 3, and **gold-edged marble coasters**, \$80 for 4, The Vignette Room. **Vase**, as before.





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NATURAL MATERIALS AND A MONOCHROMOUS PALETTE ARE ANYTHING BUT BLAND WHEN THEY PARTY WITH PLINY OF METALLIC DETAILS



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PLEASE BE SEATED Although this an elegant scheme, the non-matching place settings – all working within a unified palette of black, white, gold and soft grey – keep it from feeling too formal. Get the look by using two or three different chargers and layering them with contrasting dinner plates. Use a different set again for your side plates – as long as they also fit within the palette. Then, step it up a notch by incorporating pieces with gold rims or patterns – geometrics are hot right now. Go for a mix of shapes, too, combining traditional round plates with organic ovals and octagons in the form of pinch bowls, serving dishes and coasters. When it comes to glassware, feel free to mix intricately cut crystal (yes, it's time to bring out Nanna's old set!) with the simplest of modern water glasses.

TOAST TO TEXTURE An important part of achieving this look is to bring a range of textures together. As this setting shows, a natural marble dining table and cane-backed dining chairs make the perfect backdrop for a tablescape that mixes delicate crystal and gold with glossy white and matte black ceramics, as well as mirrored glass. Drop in some deliciously wrinkly linen napkins and you have the perfect mix of laidback and luxe.

OPT FOR DINING FINERY Splashing out on a new set of gold cutlery – whether in a pale champagne or rose gold – is a great way to usher in the party season. If you're not looking for a completely new set, even treating yourself to a pair of golden salad servers will make a lovely addition to your table and give it an instant lift. →

ON TABLE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Robert Gordon medium "Merchant" plate in Charcoal, \$18.95, Collector Store. Harper gold-rimmed dinner plate, \$19.95, Country Road. Melrose Tray, Lumini trinket plate and Argus salt and pepper shakers, as before. Arris octagonal plate, \$99.95, Wedgwood. Basix linen napkin in Tempest, \$22 each, Hale Mercantile Co. Marquis Brady tumbler, as before. Robert Gordon plate, as before. Harper cereal bowl, \$14.95, Country Road. Goa cutlery in Matte Gold, \$695 for 24-piece set, Francalia. Harper dinner plate, as before. Robert Gordon "Merchant" bowl in Charcoal, \$23.95, Collector Store. Herdmar "Rocco" salad servers, \$90, Collector Store. Lismore Essence Champagne saucer, \$249 for 2, Waterford. Arris tea plate, \$349 for 4, Wedgwood. Gold-edged marble coasters, \$80 for 4, The Vignette Room. Gold cutlery, \$49 for 5-piece setting, West Elm. Octagonal plate, gold cutlery, napkin and Champagne saucer, as before. **ON TRAY** CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Gold-edged marble coaster, Lumini trinket plates and Harper tumbler, as before. Brass muddler spoon, \$19, The Vignette Room. Candles, as before. **BEC WEARS** Top, as before. **ON LEFT HAND** Large Maquette ring, \$950, and Ovoid cuff, \$1450, Sarah & Sebastian. Celine "Knot" bracelet, \$535, Parlour X. **ON RIGHT HAND** Gypsy ring, \$360, and Pendel ring, \$1790, Sarah & Sebastian.



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 IS BASED ON NEUTRALS,
 IT WILL WORK A DREAM
 IN ALMOST ANY
 INTERIORS SCHEME

IN KITCHEN TOP SHELF FROM LEFT Mist jug, \$39.95, Country Road. Metal Prism sculpture, \$54, West Elm. Trapped 01, 02 and 03 vases, \$59 each, The Minimalist. Medium Cloud bowl, \$180, Dinosaur Designs. Ferrone "Margot" glasses, \$185 for 2, Becker Minty. "Good As Gold" teacups and saucers, \$39.95 each, Robert Gordon. **ON BENCH** FROM LEFT Medium "Merchant" plates, \$18.95 each, and bowls, \$23.95 each, Robert Gordon. Lismore Essence Champagne saucers, \$249 for 2, Waterford. Gentlemen's Hardware cocktail shaker, \$49.95, The Vignette Room. Moët & Chandon Champagne, \$52.30, Dan Murphy's. Basix napkins, \$22 each, Hale Mercantile Co. A1PYID-7 cooker, \$13490, Smeg. Creatista Plus coffee machine, \$799, Nespresso. Available from October 31. **OPPOSITE PAGE** Ferrone "Dearborne" Champagne flute (on coaster), \$99 for 2, Becker Minty. Other products as before →



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 BUILD ON THE BASICS YOU OWN BY
 LOOKING FOR PIECES WITH OPULENT
 DETAILS. NAPKINS IN A RICH BLACK
 ADD A DRAMATIC FLOURISH.

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OPEN BAR A console like the one on these pages is an entertainer's secret weapon – not only is it useful when serving food, it also functions as the perfect place for guests to mix their own drinks. We love a drinks station that mixes traditional pieces with some that are more contemporary. Put one together by starting with a modern marble tray to hold the bottles. Add a bowl with sculptural appeal for the ice and fill crystal decanters with your fave tippie. Gilt glassware adds to the celebratory feel – and make sure you don't forget a chic bottle opener!



THIS PAGE ABOVE RIGHT Harper wineglass, \$14.95, Country Road. **BEC WEARS ON RIGHT HAND** Maquette ring, \$950, and Open Diamond Sud ring, \$1450, Sarah & Sebastian. **ON LEFT HAND** Gypsy ring, \$360, and Pendel ring, \$1790, Sarah & Sebastian. **OPPOSITE** Cane console, \$3380, Clickon Furniture. Fleur vase, \$119.95, Domayne. Harper wineglass, \$14.95, and Champagne flute, \$14.95, Country Road. Square tray, \$225, Marble Basics. Cloud bowl, \$180, Dinosaur Designs. Cointreau liqueur, \$50.99 for 700ml, Dan Murphy's. Marquis Brady decanter (part of set), \$399, and Lismore Encore decanter, \$499, Waterford. Marquis Brady tumbler, \$140 for 4, Waterford Gentlemen's Hardware cocktail shaker, \$49.95, The Vignette Room. Vodka, \$70 for 750ml, VDKA6100, Emmet bottle opener (part of set), \$49.95, Country Road. For stockists, see page 193.

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INSTEAD OF USING FLOWERS ON THE TABLE, USE GRAPHIC FOLIAGE AROUND THE ROOM IN SIMPLE CYLINDRICAL GLASS VASES

