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THREE TASTY *Tabletops*

UNDERSTATED ELEGANCE WITH A PETAL PALETTE



This romantic setting, with its garden-inspired tones, is perfect for a special occasion (or a special someone). The focal point: a citron-colored charger for a bit of contrast with the blush-toned dinnerware and champagne coupes—and to keep things from getting overly cute. Rosy-Cheeked coupes, BHLDN, \$68/2; bhldn.com. Bone china Margherita dinnerware, Missoni, from \$88; bloomingdales.com. 3¾" pink glass vases, Jamali, \$9/3; jamaligarden.com.



RICH AND EXOTIC WITH JEWEL TONES

Deep turquoise and amethyst make for a lush-looking display. Gilded flatware ups the glam, while a wood-grain tabletop and woven place mats add organic elements. For a colorblock effect, top a bright plate with a napkin in a contrasting hue. The allure of this look? It's the right balance of decadent and down-to-earth.

Round Cherner table by Norman Cherner, DWR, \$1,799/40"; dwr.com. Handblown glass tumbler in lilac, Table Art, \$14; tableartonline.com. Water-hyacinth round place mat, Pottery Barn, \$84/6; potterybarn.com. Dinner plate in emerald, Fishes Eddy, \$11; fisheseddy.com. Linen Venice napkin in grape, Libeco, \$25; didriks.com. Five-piece Night Collection gold place setting, DVF Home, \$105; dvf.com. Belgravia vase in emerald, Villeroy & Boch, from \$70; bloomingdales.com.



MODERN PREPPY WITH GREENS AND PINKS

"Anyone who walks into a dining room and sees this table will feel instantly happy," says entertaining expert Amy Atlas of this kelly green, fuchsia, and aqua color scheme. Layering plates of different tones on top of a boldly patterned place mat augments the visual impact. A piece of advice from Atlas: "Don't overlook the importance of white. It makes the brights seem even more modern and crisp." Duly noted.

Hampshire glassware, Calvin Klein, \$25 each; calvinklein.com. Scholar vase, Middle Kingdom, \$41; 800-560-2146 for stores. Five-piece Aaron flatware set, Robert Welch for Williams-Sonoma, \$39; williams-sonoma.com. Cotton place mat in Bargello Grass, Hen House Linens, \$9; henhouselinens.com. Linen Festival napkin in raspberry, Sferra, \$60/4; sferra.com. Shamrock salad plate, Fiesta, \$12; macys.com.

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