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# Thanksgiving Decor Planning Guide & Checklist

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If you are hosting any event, this planning guide & checklist will help you approach planning your decor with ease.

**\*\*Establish your overall look\*\***---After you have checked your guest list and developed your menu you need to figure out how you want your home to look and feel. Creating a beautiful table scape and making your home inviting is a key element to entertaining. The holidays are a magical time and creating a unique ambiance can be a wonderful experience for you and your guests.

**\*\*Check your inventory\*\***---Assess the things that you own that can be used for your theme. You may be surprised to find things just laying around your home that could be useful. Always shop your home inventory before going to the store. Here are some ideas:

- Frames
- Vases
- Linens
- Ribbon
- Fabric scraps
- Lanterns
- Mirrors
- Candle holders

Lay everything out so that you can really see what you have and make a list of what you need. Pictured are a few things that I have in my personal inventory from past events. I never spend a lot of time or money on things unless I can use them repeatedly. I have reimagined these items over and over.



**\*\*Step Outside\*\***---Depending on your theme you may be able to find some great things in nature. Thanksgiving is all about the season, so get out and grab some acorns, leaves, twigs and pinecones! They can be spray painted as pictured below or they can be used in their natural glory.



**\*\*Phone a Friend\*\***---After checking your inventory, check with friends and family members for items that you may need. I am always able to snag a few extra tables and foundational items before contacting rental companies or making large purchases, by contacting friends and family members first.

- Six foot tables
- Chairs
- Linens

**\*\*Rentals-\*\*** If you find yourself in a position where renting items is inevitable, then make a list of what is needed and make the call fast! Decide if you want table rounds or six foot tables and the number of chairs you need. Rental companies also carry candelabras, chafing dishes, linens, flatware, chargers and a whole host of other great items.

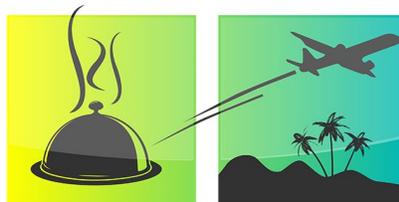
**\*\*Head to the store\*\***---Now that you have shopped your home, tapped your network for what you need, rented items to fill in the gaps and pulled from nature, you are now allowed to go to the store with a well thought out list of items to purchase.

Here are a few standard items that I always need:

- Card stock (can be used for place cards, menu cards)
- Ribbon ( can be used for rolled flatware, with centerpieces or many other things)
- Candles---taper, votive, LED mix and match
- Spray paint
- Fabric for table scape
- If you plan to do things yourself and do not have a craft kit you may also need:
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Stitch witchery or fabric glue
- Modpodge

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- Review Guest list (how many tables chairs, centerpieces, flatware, & linens are needed)
- Establish your vision (chic, rustic, urban, country) what is the feel ?
- Shop around your house ( what do you own already?) ( vases, candles, frames, lanterns, ribbon, cardstock, fabric scraps )
- Have your items cleaned, check your tablecloths for stains and launder them yourself or have them cleaned. Clean vases and other items that may need some attention well in advance.
- Shop Nature-nature provides an array of decor items (pinecones, acorns, leaves, branches)
- Check with friends & family members for big items (tables, chairs, platters, linens)
- What needs to be rented? Write down what is needed and get it reserved quickly.
- Go to the store with a well planned shopping list.



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