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AUTUMN HARVEST

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FALL ENTERTAINING WITH ANNIE FALK



Entertaining expert, author and philanthropist, Annie Falk, is known for her gorgeous gatherings and stylish hospitality. “I do a dinner party **every week**,” she says, “and even if it’s just my husband or my daughter and I (or even just myself), I **ALWAYS** set the table.” A woman after our own heart!

Falk splits her time between the Hamptons and Palm Beach and has written entertaining books inspired by both places. In contrast to the casual, beach style of Florida, “I can veer formal while I’m in the Hamptons,” she explains, often creating seating charts and elaborate tables inspired by nature, seasonal fruit of her own closet.

For her fall dinner party in the Hamptons, the season's bounty was Falk's starting point. "Our house is surrounded by farms and I saw a group of lumina (white pumpkins) growing closely together and thought, "That would look so nice on the table!" And, voila, the creative process began...



A centerpiece of lumina, squash and berries on Annie's antique obi runner



The autumnal candle-lit table



Hand-blown glasses give the table a timeless quality and personal touch

Annie's vintage Spode china and hand-blown glasses add a personal touch to the tablescape, "I love these glasses. They're from a town called Biot in France where I used to spend my summers. I've had them for about 20 years."

Paired with our [Timber Placemat](http://kimseybert.com/gold-timber-placemat/) (<http://kimseybert.com/gold-timber-placemat/>) in gold, [Zebra-wood flatware](http://kimseybert.com/zebra-wood-5-piece-place-setting/) (<http://kimseybert.com/zebra-wood-5-piece-place-setting/>), and [Dip Dye Napkins](http://kimseybert.com/dip-dye-napkin-in-natural-brown-gold/) (<http://kimseybert.com/dip-dye-napkin-in-natural-brown-gold/>) in natural, brown and gold, the table evokes a warm yet sophisticated feel.



"The Timber placemats look so organic.
They add a pop of elegance and glamour that I was looking for."



Kim Seybert Zebra wood Place Settings and Dip Dye Napkins in Natural, Brown and Gold

Final finishing touches? Place cards for guests. “I’m a very organized person, and I think that comes across in how I like to entertain. It’s comforting when guests know where they’re seated so I like to use place cards or create a seating chart.”



Personalized place cards await the guests.



Signature cocktails are an easy way to personalize any gathering.



Delightful details: Festive Kim Seybert Chinoiserie Cocktail Stirrers





Kim and Annie are ready to host their fabulous fall feast.



Set to enjoy.

ANNIE'S ESSENTIAL ENTERTAINING TIPS

Prepare ahead and enjoy the process of creating.

Rome wasn't built in a day and neither is the perfect table. Take time bringing all the elements together, from the welcome drink to the food you're serving. Seeing and creating beauty is uplifting and mood-elevating — we nourish ourselves by designing a beautiful table.

Shop your closet and use items from your home to set an interesting table.

Add objects that you love and enjoy to create an original tablescape and spark conversation. It's fun to share stories with guests about your style and the things that you collect.

Keep centerpieces low or slender!

Whether you decorate with flowers, pumpkins or candles, centerpieces need to be thin and clear or more ideally, below eye-level. Group conversation is near impossible if guests are dodging your centerpiece. You can add height to tables in the hallway, the buffet or the powder room.

Be a “Comfortable Perfectionist.”



For Falk, this means always putting your guests' comfort first. Show your care with thoughtful details designed for a welcoming environment.


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