



A Harvest of Tabletop Color

Add the Rich Colors of the Season to Your Fall Table

Palette For The Palate...



To start, you need an appetizing autumn color scheme—and there's no better place for inspiration than Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. The warm tones in the red and orange leaves and brick walkways lining the streets . . . the organic browns, harvest golds, and deep greens painted onto walls, trim, and doors in the restored homes . . . you have every thing you need to begin the palette for your harvest-themed feast!

Dress In Layers...



Layering your table linens is a great way to add color to your table. Place a runner in one color down the middle of the table and then run shorter pieces of fabric in a different color so that they hang off the table at each place setting (think of a cross-hatch design). Or, for a particularly festive look, use a runner in a darker color and place an assortment of fall leaves (fresh or faux) on top followed by a sheer fabric so that you can see the leaves through.

A Simple Mix Does The Trick...



To get some great color in your harvest-themed centerpiece, try a simple mix of three different sizes faux or ceramic pumpkins in orange, white, and green. Fill in with faux wheat grasses, cattails, dried leaves, and some smaller pumpkins and gourds. Finish it off by adding in some dried yarrow (A Williamsburg fall favorite) for a little punch of bright yellow.

Get Stuffed...



If you're feeling a little crafty, try cutting the middle out of a 4" or smaller pumpkin and place a votive candle in the hole. Your votive "stuffed" pumpkins will create such a buzz that you can dress down the rest of the table with just a few other gourds, leaves, acorns, etc. For a more elegant look, mix in other votives creating a harvest-themed light display on your table.

Space-Saving Spectacular...



Want a super-simple yet colorful centerpiece that doesn't take up too much room on your table? Try filling a large clear glass hurricane globe with small pumpkins and gourds. This might sound ridiculously simple, but the effect is wonderful—especially if you add in some grasses for a little extra texture.

Glassware Does Its Share...



Mixing and matching amber and green colored glassware is perfect for a fall gathering or a casual Thanksgiving meal. Or, try serving juice or cocktails that work with your color scheme. And don't underestimate the visual impact of stemmed glasses, even when they're just filled with iced tea—it just makes the meal look and feel more special. Creativity doesn't stop with the centerpiece!