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The Vintage Table: Personal Treasures And Standout Settings



Synopsis

Your table is not only the place where you gather for meals—it is also a canvas for your creativity and for the treasures you’ve gathered over the years. Each day offers you a chance to surround yourself with what you love, whether you’re enjoying cereal from a punchy yellow gnome bowl, inviting friends over to test your latest recipe served on cherry red retro plates, or holding a formal dinner using delicate family china. By loosely mixing modern accents you’ve bought on a whim with vintage elements earned by combing flea markets, you can create tabletops and arrangements that look timeless and classic even as they speak to your mood. Much of the fun comes from knowing you’re using pieces that have personal meaning, and *The Vintage Table* offers all the guidance you need to discover gems among family heirlooms, textiles, and antiques store offerings. Whether you’re making napkins by repurposing old aprons or collecting stylish pastry boxes from your favorite bakery to be used as a signature centerpiece for your dining room, the pieces themselves become your décor, and they will bring you the same pleasure as a beloved painting that still surprises you every time you look at it. From creating a party that plays on nostalgia, such as a fairy theme for children or a Mother’s Day celebration at which guests dress in aprons that recall Betty Crocker, to a more opulent affair starring all your finest objects, the possibilities in these pages show how setting the scene can be a festive and imaginative process. This beautifully photographed book will inspire you to make sitting at your table a frequent pleasure and to enjoy what you have “every day.

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Customer Reviews

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This book has such gorgeous photographs! Although I lead a much simpler lifestyle than the one pictured in the book, I found it to be inspiring. The settings are beautiful, and the book gives me great ideas on what to look for the next time I go to an antique store. Not only that, but the book has given me great ideas on how to display what I already have. Ideas for creating vignettes and displays are on every page, and those ideas help me create my own displays. Also what's nice is how the book shows me color combinations that I would not have come up with on my own. I have found the book to be beautiful to look at, inspiring to ponder, and full of good ideas on how to make the most of my existing vintage articles.

I have several other table setting books. Unlike other reviewers, I didn't care that specific identifying info about items in the pictures weren't given. The point is to inspire each of us to collect and use things we find or already own that create unique beauty, delight on our tables, not to attempt to replicate the pictures. There was too much repetitious prose for me, but for a younger person with less experience and confidence, this was probably reassuring and liberating.

This is a really neat book. It makes me want to hop in the car and go to a vintage/antiques co-op and browse, but I don't have to because I can just open this book any time and get the same feeling. Very nice.

The people at Romantic Homes have certainly done it again. This is another beautiful book! My only complaint would be that it is a compilation of past magazine articles/pictures rather than entirely new material. But, overall it delivers.

Great -- thanks!

Great photography but lay out is very similar to Vintage Vavoom with some duplication of photos. Expected to see more emphasis on vintage china.

Saw this book in my library and knew i wanted it for keeps.This book arrived very quickly and in excellent shape.Thank you so much.

I love vintage décor in the kitchen. This books photos are lovely and give great ideas for setting a casual or formal table.

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