



Festive Feasting: The expert-approved tricks behind this season's most beautiful festivescapes

- With the season for festive hosting fast approaching, there is no better way to set the scene for a memorable event than with a perfectly decorated table
- B&Q's Christmas Buyer Rory Parkes has shared his expert styling advice and product recommendations to help transform any space into a festive setting
 - All festive accessories are available online now starting from just £4.

December 2025: With the festive hosting season in full swing, timeless Christmas aesthetics are gaining traction on socials as many households plan their elevated dining spaces for the season. While a perfectly styled tablescapes can look intricate, creating one is easier than it appears.

Spilling the insider knowledge on how to perfect the tablescapes this Christmas, **B&Q's Christmas Buyer, Rory Parkes** has shared his expert advice and product recommendations to make festive table decorating straightforward, affordable and effortlessly impressive. From centrepieces and lighting to foliage, dinnerware and creative finishing touches, these tips highlight how any table can become a warm and welcoming focal point.

B&Q Christmas Buyer, Rory Parkes says: "Creating a standout Christmas tablescapes is all about combining thoughtful details that work together to build a warm and inviting atmosphere. By choosing the right mix of lighting, foliage, dinnerware and personal touches, anyone can transform their dining table into a festive focal point that feels both stylish and welcoming. With just a few simple updates, your table can become the centrepiece of the celebration."

Give your table some love

Rory says: Give your table a festive glow-up! For those who want to go the extra mile, clean, sand, stain, or oil your wooden table or disguise marks with wood-effect self-adhesive film for a quick refresh. Feeling fancy? Upgrade to a stunning new dining table. A polished base sets the scene for a show stopping Christmas, so don't skip this step.









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| <u>Aluminium oxide Assorted Hand sanding sheets</u> £7.50 | <u>Method Almond Wood Furniture Cleaning spray</u> £4.75 | <u>Colron Refined Clear Satin Not antibacterial Danish Furniture Wood oil</u> £13 | <u>Indoor Oak effect Rectangular Dining Table & bench set</u> £120 |
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Elevate your centrepiece

Rory says: Think baubles, fairy lights, and pinecones in a jar or lay a light-up garland down the centre. A striking centrepiece draws the eye and gives your table that magical, celebratory feel.




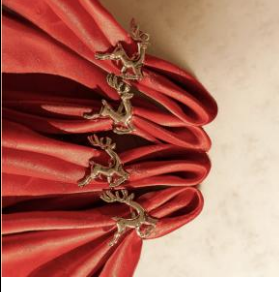
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| <u>Jute Bow Decoration</u> £4 | <u>2.74m Fraser Fir Natural Green Christmas garland - Battery-powered</u> £25 | <u>Indoor Red berry table centre Christmas decoration</u> £16 | <u>Christmas Roses Four Tealight Table Decoration</u> £29.99 |

Dress up your dinnerware

Rory says: Layer plates, fold napkins, and top with sprigs of holly or ornaments. Don't forget cutlery and glasses - mix coloured tumblers and flutes for that extra tablescape sparkle. Coordinating your dinnerware with your décor adds polish and makes every place setting feel intentional.




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| <p><u>Candlelight Patterned White porcelain 12 piece Dinnerware set</u> £18</p> | <p><u>Set of 4 Vintage Style Fontaine Colorful Embossed Champagne Flutes</u> £30.99</p> | <p><u>Candlelight Manille Metal 16 piece Cutlery set</u> £16</p> | <p><u>4pc Gold Reindeer Napkin Ring Set</u> £7.99</p> |

Set the mood with lighting

Rory says: Candles, tealight holders, or flameless LED candle arches add instant festive magic. Mix in foliage, baubles, and woodland decorations for depth and warmth. Lighting is key to creating a cosy, inviting atmosphere your guests won't forget.




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| <p><u>10 Warm white Snowglobe LED String lights</u> £8</p> | <p><u>Candlelight Small LED pillar candle</u> £11</p> | <p><u>Warm white LED Candle Lantern Silhouette</u> £6</p> | <p><u>Small White Gold effect Christmas Woodland Scene Glass Tea light holder</u> £4</p> |

Bring in seasonal foliage

Rory says: A mini Christmas tree or classic poinsettias bring life to your table. Go gold, silver, or traditional green - real or artificial, they make your tablescape pop. Adding greenery brings texture, colour, and a touch of nature, giving your table an effortlessly festive vibe.





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| <u>Red Poinsettia in Red Zinc Decorative pot</u> £6 | <u>1.6ft Green Pop up Full Artificial Christmas tree</u> £18 | <u>White Poinsettia in Champagne Zinc Decorative pot</u> £6 | <u>1.6ft Pinecone Table top Full Artificial Christmas tree</u> £8 |

Layer rRunners and pPlacemats

Rory says: Layer runners for texture and add matching placemats for style and table protection. Glittery, bold, or classic - mix and match for picture-ready flair. These small touches elevate the overall look and make your table feel fully styled.





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| <u>Home for Christmas design Table cloth</u> £10 | <u>Gallery™ Home for Christmas Placemats</u> £8 | <u>Catherine Lansfield Dining Christmas Nutcracker Pure Cotton Table Runner</u> £11.05 | <u>Homescapes Cotton Christmas Macduff Tartan Pack of 2 Placemats</u> £9.99 |

Personalise the finishing touches

Rory says: Chalkboard paint can turn, placemats, or baubles into personalised pieces. Write each guest's name or festive messages for a truly unique touch. Personalised décor makes guests feel extra special and creates memories they'll remember long after the meal.

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| <u>Elf Christmas Mini Chalkboard and Chalk Set</u> - £6.89 | <u>Pack of 12 Gold and Cream Christmas Table Talk Placecard</u> £8.99 | <u>GoodHome Black Matt Chalkboard paint</u> £12 | <u>Family Robin & Wreath Traditional Christmas Crackers</u> £11.99 |

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