

Grocery Store Table Decor Guide

Build a lush, budget-friendly citrus and rose centerpiece.

Transform supermarket flowers and fruit into a stunning tablescape. Use this exact shopping list and spacing map to achieve perfect proportions.

● Key Measurements

10 ft

bunched muslin runner for 12-inch drop

8, 10 & 12 in

3-height taper candles for visual triangles

8-10 in

spacing for citrus half fillers

2-3

reflexed rose petals per bud vase

5 in

herb sprig place card length

3-4 in

rosemary filler sprig length



Freeze tapers to stop drips

Freeze your unscented candles for at least four hours prior to lighting to significantly slow down the burning and dripping process, protecting your unironed fabric and wooden dining surface.

● Assembly Timeline

- 1 The night before** Lay the runner and firmly press the candles into their brass cups.
- 2 4 hours ahead** Peel back outer rose layers and fill the ribbed glass bud vases.
- 3 Exactly 2 hours before** Cut fruit horizontally, pat dry with a paper towel, and nestle into the fabric.

● Supermarket Shopping List

- ☐ 3 fresh pink grapefruits with thick rinds
- ☐ 4 large navel oranges
- ☐ 1 bag of standard lemons
- ☐ 2 dozen light peach roses, slightly open
- ☐ 2 bunches of fresh rosemary
- ☐ Unbleached medium-weight muslin
- ☐ Unbleached cotton baker's twine or jute string
- ☐ Unscented peach and pink candles

● Pre-Party Safety & Styling

- Place a narrow waterproof silicone mat directly under the runner.
- Verify no stray herbs sit dangerously close to open flames.
- Check that floral arrangements sit below conversational candle sightlines.
- Dim overhead fixtures to cast a warm, inviting glow.
- Iron 20-inch square linen napkins with heavy starch for crisp edges.
- Cut rose stems at a sharp 45-degree angle.

● Centerpiece Spacing Map

Find your row: **Table Size & Shape**

Table Size & Shape	Your pick	Why
6-foot table ends	1 cluster, 2 vases	Spread over 12-inch flanks
6-foot table center	2 clusters, 3 vases	Spread over middle 18 inches
10-foot banquet table	Repeat center pattern twice	Maintains the exact lush ratio
60-inch round table	1 large center cluster	Ring of alternating citrus

● Party Prep Notes

Enjoy your beautifully curated, fresh-from-the-market birthday celebration!