

Preppy Party Sourcing Checklist

Master the country club aesthetic with this complete tablescape inventory.

Plan the ultimate preppy birthday party by mixing crisp tailoring with playful sporting motifs. Use this guide to source every essential piece and style a layered, tennis-themed tablescape.

● Key styling measurements

12 in

min tablecloth overhang per side

+24 in

add to table length and width

14 in

spacing between silver julep vases

1 in

slit depth for tennis ball stands

110 lb

cardstock weight for upright place cards

3 in

min width for striped chair ribbon

15 sec

iron-on press time for permanent bond

2 oz

cold water to top off vases



Slicing tennis balls safely

Always place the tennis ball in a vise grip or heavy ceramic bowl to keep it completely stable while cutting the slit with a utility knife.

● Hydrangea stem prep sequence

- 1 Initial hot trim** Cut stems at a 45-degree angle, place in hot water, and let rest for one hour.
- 2 Room temp alum dip** Make a straight cut, dip in alum, and rest in room temperature water for thirty minutes.
- 3 Cold vase placement** Move stems to cold water with no additional cuts until the party begins.

● Adapting to your venue

Find your row: **Your venue setting**

Your venue setting	Your pick	Why
Seaside or yacht club	Navy stripes and brass lanterns	Fits classic nautical aesthetic
Estate or autumn season	Hunter green and leather accents	Creates sophisticated, moody take
Garden or spring season	Pink seersucker and white wicker	Soft, feminine party atmosphere

- **The complete sourcing inventory**

- ☐ Block print tablecloth and matching blue-trim napkins
- ☐ Woven rattan charger plates and scalloped ceramic dinnerware
- ☐ Silver mint julep cups and fresh blue and white hydrangeas
- ☐ Yellow tennis balls, utility knife, and heavy textured cardstock
- ☐ Wide wire-edged striped ribbon and DIY iron-on letters
- ☐ Heavy cut-crystal water goblets and classic silver flatware

● Table setting and setup checks

- Measure table length and width to calculate proper tablecloth size.
- Verify your iron has a cotton setting with steam completely off.
- Position water goblet directly above the classic silver dinner knife.
- Set white wine glass to the right, slightly below water.
- Tuck the tennis ball card stand just left of water glass.
- Sweep patio and arrange seating two hours before guests arrive.

● Party planning notes

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Enjoy hosting a truly elegant celebration where you feel relaxed and entirely present.