The Living-Room Date Schedule

Your noon-to-dessert prep timeline and canopy guide.

Transform your everyday space into a romantic destination without spending the evening in the kitchen. This schedule helps you build a temporary canopy, plate a make-ahead menu, and effortlessly pace your date.



Key Date Details

3 courses
Prepped and plated by noon

1 per year
Photos on the twine garland

At least 15 lbs
Tension rod weight rating

8 inches
Floral centerpiece maximum height

90 minutes
Playlist duration before dessert

Manage the Room Temperature
Drop your thermostat to exactly 65 degrees in the late afternoon to keep the charcuterie perfectly safe and the cheeses firm before serving.

Noon-to-Dessert Prep Timeline

1. **Morning: Prep Menu** Arrange chilled burrata, charcuterie, and domed dessert; dress sturdy greens like kale or radicchio.
2. **Afternoon: Set Scene** Build the canopy, drop the thermostat, and arrange cushions using the sofa as the backrest.
3. **An Hour Prior** Pull the burrata from the fridge early so the creamy center softens completely before eating.
4. **Moments Before** Slice meats, chill beverages, light candles, silence phones, and start the playlist so your song cues dessert.

Shopping & Materials List

- [ ] Heavy-duty shower curtain tension rod
- [ ] Opaque cotton backing panels and sheers
- [ ] Oversized, textured floor cushions
- [ ] Twine, washi tape, and instant photos
- [ ] Burrata, charcuterie, greens, and dessert
- [ ] Pillar candles and glass cylinders
- [ ] Glass cloche and floral centerpiece

Pre-Date Setup Checks

- Check tension rod packaging for the correct weight rating.
- Test washi tape on an inconspicuous back corner of the table.
- Ensure the table is not placed directly over a heating vent.
- Seal any window drafts to prevent sheers blowing into candles.

Floor Seating Clearances

Find your row: **Your seating style**

Your seating style	Your pick	Why
Cross-legged	12 in table distance	Needs 4 in thick cushion
Legs extended	18 in table distance	Needs 2 in thick cushion
Kneeling	10 in table distance	Needs 6 in thick cushion

Date Night Notes

Enjoy your beautifully curated evening, entirely stress-free and perfectly paced.