

Tablescape Spacing & Layering Cheat Sheet

Transform a bare dining table into a stunning, conversation-friendly dinner party setting.

Establish perfect spacing so guests can eat comfortably without bumping elbows. Then build a beautiful textural foundation that protects your wood table.

● Key Measurements

24 in

Center-to-center spacing per seat

Under 12 in

Floral height for clear sightlines

1 in

Flatware distance from table edge

About 1 in

Water glass above knife tip



*Keep tapers perfectly plumb
Melt a tiny drop of stick wax into the brass holder's base. For vintage or antique brass, use sticky floral clay as a safe, heat-free alternative.*

● The Layering Sequence

- 1 Anchor the base** Place a woven charger plate to protect the wood until the dessert course.
- 2 Silence the stack** Add the dinner plate, small felt dots to stop clatter completely, then the salad plate.
- 3 Soften with textiles** Style a loosely knotted linen napkin tucked with a fresh eucalyptus sprig to introduce organic shape.
- 4 Align the flanks** Position forks on the left and knives on the right to keep the setting sharp.
- 5 Balance visual weight** Fill gaps between low florals and place settings using brass candlesticks and small glass votives.

● Adapt To Your Occasion

Find your row: **Your table or event**

Your table or event	Your pick	Why
Dark walnut table	Slate linens, matte black	Sophisticated intimate evening atmosphere
Summer luncheon	Rattan and navy stripes	Relaxed beach-inspired feel
Light ash wood	Rimless china, sparse greenery	Clean, airy, and uncluttered
Afternoon tea	Mismatched crystal, floral china	Adds undeniable charm and history
Terracotta chargers	Amber glass, rust napkins	Complements raw baked clay

● Tablescape Elements

- ☐ Woven charger plates for the foundation
- ☐ Dinner plates and salad plates
- ☐ Small felt dots for ceramic buffering
- ☐ Linen napkins to knot loosely
- ☐ Fresh eucalyptus sprigs
- ☐ Low central floral arrangements
- ☐ Brass candlesticks and small glass votives
- ☐ Stick wax or sticky floral clay

● Party Planning Notes

Enjoy setting a beautiful, welcoming table for your guests!