Table Styling Quantity Cheat Sheet

Order exact decor amounts and assemble a lush, layered tablescape.

Transform basic rental linens into a professional, romantic tablescape using hidden mechanics and precise stem counts. Use these baseline numbers to order exactly what you need.



Key Styling Measurements

90x156 in
heavy drop cloth per rectangular table

+ 36 in
chiffon runner length beyond table length

Under 3 in
height for flat foraged greenery base

12-in square
coated chicken wire frog per compote

20-in square
linen napkin for offset menu fold

4x9 in
menu card tucked at diagonal angle

24 in
horizontal space per guest place setting

Steam linens on site

Steaming out deep creases directly on the tables at least two hours before placing any centerpieces is absolutely mandatory for a professional aesthetic.

Hidden Styling Mechanics

1. **Anchor the runner** Secure the draped ends with double-sided fabric tape at the table edge to prevent slipping.
2. **Tape the floral grid** Stretch clear waterproof tape in a tight X shape over a completely dry ceramic rim.
3. **Secure the tapers** Press a pea-sized museum wax anchor onto bases and twist firmly into brass candlesticks.
4. **Cluster candle holders** Group them asymmetrically between the low floral compotes to elegantly draw the eye.

Event Quantity Cheat Sheet

Guest Tables	Base Drop Cloths	Chiffon Runners (13-ft min)	Low Floral Compotes (6-in)	Tall Taper Candles	Complete Place Settings
10	10 pieces	10 pieces	30 arrangements	50 pieces	80 sets
15	15 pieces	15 pieces	45 arrangements	75 pieces	120 sets
20	20 pieces	20 pieces	60 arrangements	100 pieces	160 sets

Multiply these core quantities for a standard rectangular table by your total count.

Hardy Foliage Foundation Guide

Find your row: **Your greenery choice**

Your greenery choice	Your pick	Why
Italian Ruscus	Drape over table edges	Provides excellent length gracefully
Salal (Lemon Leaf)	Conceal the bowl mechanics	Offers a wide, flat leaf
Smilax	Weave between candlestick bases	Creates a delicate vine appearance

Final Visual Audit

- ◯ Confirm table dimensions with venue for an exact floor drop.
- ◯ Verify cross-table sightlines are completely clear of tall elements.
- ◯ Check all water glasses are filled to the appropriate pouring line.
- ◯ Trim taper wicks to exactly a quarter inch before lighting.

Venue & Rental Notes

Enjoy building a lush, beautifully layered tablescape that perfectly wows your guests.