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British Garden Centres' guide to tablescaping for Christmas

As the Christmas countdown begins, homes across the UK are planning this year's decorations, festive gatherings, and seasonal celebrations. And while the tree always takes centre stage, this year the focus is shifting towards the dining table, a place to gather, share delicious food, and make lasting memories. British Garden Centres has unveiled its guide to tablescaping this Christmas, showing how to create an elegant and inviting setup that celebrates the joy of the season.

Tablescaping allows you to bring your personal style and creativity to life, from floral arrangements and candles to the finer details like matching tableware and seasonal plants. Your local British Garden Centre store offers everything you need to create a showstopping table that feels both magical and effortless for family and friends.

Start with nature

Greenery is the easiest way to bring Christmas cheer to your table. British Garden Centres' garlands and wreaths create an instant festive base for you to start from. Simply arrange a garland along the centre of the table or place a wreath flat in the middle with a candle or vase at its heart. Add pinecones, berries, or dried fruits for colour and texture, and finish with fairy lights for a soft glow, which is a simple yet stunning way to create that classic Christmas feel.

Create an inviting centrepiece

The centrepiece is the focal point of your table, and British Garden Centres' seasonal plants and houseplants make it easy to create one with impact. Vibrant poinsettias or orchids paired with sleek glass candle holders and shimmering baubles create instant festive style. For lovers of tradition, fresh foliage intertwined with candles offers timeless elegance and a cosy finish. Or why not try cyclamen, holly, ivy or a potted decorated Picea for the festive touch.

Timeless tableware

No tablescape is complete without beautiful tableware. Explore British Garden Centres' range of table runners, table cloths and crackers designed to complement any Christmas theme. Why not add festive ambience to any room with some decorative tealight holders that provide the perfect warm glow? You can also give your home some extra special Christmas flair with some carefully crafted wooden decorations that will stand the test of time on any dining



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table. Make sure you get out your best set of crockery, matching cake stands and serving trays to add polish to your festive spread, making every meal feel special.

Layer, light, and soften

Lighting shifts a table from day to night with effortless warmth. Arrange string lights, candles, tealights, or lanterns to add sparkle as you dine, and layer with runners, napkins, and placemats. Whether you love rich velvets, classic tartans, or soft linen tones, remember to create depth and texture, while seasonal cushions and throws complete the look with comfort and style at your Christmas table.

Finishing touches

To tie everything together, add those extra flourishes that make the difference. Velvet ribbons around napkins, coordinating glassware, or a few metallic ornaments among the greenery add a festive finishing touch. Extend your theme throughout the room by displaying garlands and wreaths across fireplaces, doorways, or sideboards, ensuring your look flows seamlessly from table to home.

Amy Stubbs, Managing Director at British Garden Centres, said: “Christmas decorating is all about creating atmosphere and by combining layers of light, texture, and fragrance with carefully chosen tableware and natural accents, you can design a festive table that feels special for every guest. Whether it’s a grand family feast or an intimate dinner for two, we have the decorations you need to turn your dining table into the heart of the celebrations.”

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About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK’s largest family-owned garden centre group with 73 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by the Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire.

BGC was launched in 1987 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018, it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres, allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now, with 61 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

The group has a team of 3000 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres, Woodthorpe Leisure Park, and Woody’s Restaurant & Bar.

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