



DRESSED FOR DINNER

Dinner by Design is back, and with it the chance to spot designers creating a little magic at the dinner table—and to bring that style home.

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Dinner by Design returns to Vancouver on September 15 and 16, and this time it spans two full floors at the Harbour Event Centre. Presented by the Social Concierge—with partial proceeds benefiting local art and design students—the event will see 15 designers, including newcomers Tina Dhillon, Christine Kardum and Rachelle Chambers, crafting a fully immersive tablescape or custom bar setting from a room no larger than 144 square feet. The spaces play host to a cocktail party and multi-course dinner before some are whisked away to IDS Vancouver, where they'll join four other never-before-seen tablescapes on display from September 22 to 25. As we count down to this fall's celebration, here's a taste of one of last year's standout showcases.

Hamptons Holiday

» An all-American getaway awaits in this collaborative tablescape from designers Karla Amadatsu and Stephanie Giesbrecht. From the preppy blue-and-white palette and lush foliage to the upholstered banquette and crystal chandelier, the laid-back space exudes a summer-in-the-Hamptons vibe through and through.



THE DETAILS

Break up wallpaper To keep bold wallpaper from overwhelming a room, apply the print in small hits. Here, crisp white paneling—a classic Hamptons element—offers a tidy guide for trellis wallpaper.

Think *au naturel* Pair elegant dinnerware with more relaxed pieces, like faux bamboo chairs, woven chargers and vintage milk-glass planters. The look is sophisticated without being stuffy.

Embrace the table skirt When done wrong, table skirts can scream corporate catering. But Amadatsu and Giesbrecht's choice of a banded linen iteration works. "It's a little bit of a throwback, but we did it in a really tailored way," says Amadatsu. *HL*