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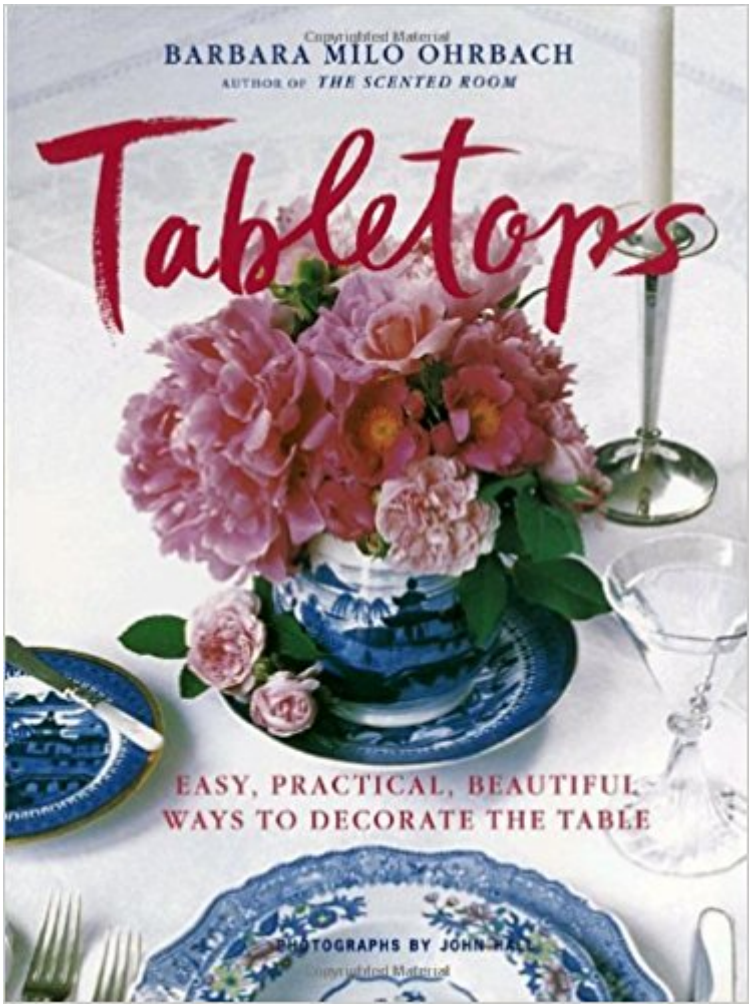

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Synopsis

Hospitality is the art of generously welcoming guests into your home, and Barbara Milo Ohrbach's Tabletops will make this a delightful experience for all to share.Whether you are having a party, sitting down with friends and family, or celebrating a holiday, the pleasures of eating at a beautiful table help to make the meal truly memorable. In this book, Ms. Ohrbach, the best-selling author of fourteen books, including The Scented Room, Antiques at Home, and Simply Flowers, brings a fresh and creative eye to the art of decorating tables with flowers, fruits, leaves, and other wonderful objects. Filled with beautiful photographs and simple how-to's, Tabletops offers recipes, clever ideas, and practical solutions for everyday entertaining, parties, and special occasions, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.With her usual clarity and style, Ms. Ohrbach explains how to coordinate linens, china, and silverware so that everything works together. She demonstrates how to accent the table with accessories like candles, napkin rings, and place cards, and includes easy how-to projects, many of which can be done with children. She reveals effortless techniques for taking the mystery out of flower arranging and discusses how to choose the right container for any event. She shares her enthusiasm for visiting places like historic homes, flower shows, restaurants, and farmers' markets that can inspire fresh ideas for creating wonderful tabletops. And finally, Ms. Ohrbach provides a handy international source guide that reveals her favorite places to shop and explore in Europe and the United States. Tabletops will inspire anyone who loves flowers and entertaining, and it is the perfect gift for anyone who enjoys setting a beautiful table.In Tabletops, best-selling author Barbara Milo Ohrbach reveals simple yet spectacular ideas for decorating beautiful tables for both entertaining and everyday use. Illustrated with more than 275 full-color photographs, Tabletops offers practical tips and easy how-to projects for setting the table and for creating centerpieces and individual flower arrangements for your home, parties, holidays, special occasions, and more.

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Customer Reviews

Setting a stunning table need not be confined to special occasions. As renowned author and designer Barbara Milo Ohrbach brilliantly demonstrates, any meal can be made special with the proper visual approach. The ingredients need not be fine china and matching silver; the real key is to develop a creative look for your table. Tabletops is filled with gorgeous color photos and thorough explanations on how to find inspiration, play with color, make and/or coordinate accessories, arrange flowers, and find and add the right decorative touches.

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service fast but not what I wanted in suggestions for tabletops. Would not recommend it to anyone interested in setting a table.

lovely

This is the very best gift I could have given my mom as she is already a true Ohrbach fan!

I love this book. The arrangements are not merely interesting, but beautiful, and encompass every type of table adornment. It made me become aware of how to put table decorations together. Now, as a hostess gift, instead of bringing only a cooked dish, I bring the centerpiece as well.

i love to set tables. my mother has done this for 40 years and i have never seen such wonderful ideas with flowers and china. i would give this a 6 star rating if they had one. i will my many of these for my friends for christmas

Beautiful book which I already own and purchased this copy as a gift.

I did NOT find this book "useless". While I would certainly not use every idea suggested, I found Mrs. Orbach’s book to have several good ideas I could incorporate in my table settings. I found her color combinations to be quite intriguing and am finding ways to use those combinations in my events. If anything negative could be stated, it is that in some of the photographs the knife blades are in the wrong direction (perhaps a different cultural custom than what I was taught?). Overall, a good publication I would recommend.

This book has no useful information in it. The pictures are pretty, but I don’t spend good money on a book just to look at the pictures. Even the ideas aren’t all that creative. If I had cupboards full of antiques and drawers full of beautiful linens, I wouldn’t need a book to tell me how to use them. Other, better books show the same techniques and ideas, and show them with materials more

easily available to us mere mortals.The example that really did me in was the little girl's birthday party... with crocheted lace doilies on the drinks glasses, and all the little girls in Edwardian-style lace dresses. PLEASE! You want an example of a pretty child's birthday party, get the Shabby Chic entertaining book.

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