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Hosting a meal for family and friends this holiday season is inspiring on many levels. But it’s the design that first captures everyone’s attention. To make the table sparkle with dazzling place settings and spectacular centerpieces takes time and planning. Whether you prefer classic tradition, rustic elegance, or modern interpretations, much of the joy comes from the creation. We asked four Miamians to design their dream tablescapes.

By Linda Marx | Photographs by Carlos Hidalgo
This talented professional loves the holiday season because it signifies good food, good wine, and most important, good company—a time to celebrate with friends and family.

"As we head into the winter months, I love taking advantage of our great South Florida weather to bring the party outside," says Vaughan. "Al fresco dining in an urban setting is unique to city life and only adds more fun to festivities."

Vaughan believes it’s most important to consider the environment when planning a holiday table. For example, when you have a stunning background, you need to balance style with your setting—like here at Wynwood Walls or on a poolside terrace. "This table features my own personal love of vibrant colors and romantic details with an awareness of the magnificent setting," she says. "It’s simple but elegant to complement the surroundings. I used a simple farmhouse table, enhanced by lots of my favorite flowers in jewel tones—roses, hydrangeas, orchids, and other seasonal blooms, along with dramatic lighting, to create a modern enchanted garden."

The result: Simply beautiful.