

Top fashion designers give tips for "dressing up" tables

How do top-name fashion designers like Geoffrey Beene, Kasper, Adri, Gloria Sachs and Betsey Johnson "dress up" their tables when entertaining at home? Recently, these five designers translated their creativity in ready-to-wear to original table settings for the premiere of Lantana, a new collection of fine dinnerware by Lenox China, which can be used for both casual and formal entertaining.

Each designer selected a different Lantana pattern—with its country, oriental and primitive design themes—and went to work mixing and matching fabrics, patterns and accessories to create settings that best suited their styles of entertaining.

Table talk

Here are tips from the designers on "dressing up" tables, which you can adapt to suit your entertaining style—whether casual, formal, or a mixture of moods.

- Use bold, colorful prints with patterned china: Geoffrey Beene, winner of many Coty awards, the fashion industry's most coveted prize, used a strikingly bold floral cloth to reflect the bright colors and lively floral design of the Wind Chimes china pattern.

- Long tapers placed in crystal candlesticks surrounding a spring bouquet, set the appropriate mood for "A Celebration of Success."

- Combine pattern on pattern: Kasper, a three-time

Coty Award winner, chose Lantana's dramatic black and white Ebony Rose and complemented it with a mixture of black and white prints and checks creating a strikingly sophisticated feeling for his formal table setting. "Dinner at a Country Estate." He chose a deep red floral centerpiece, which added a dramatic and colorful touch.

- Mix stripes and flowers: The current Coty Award win-

ner Adri used a boldly striped cloth to highlight and enhance the prominent floral pattern in Lantana's Melanie.

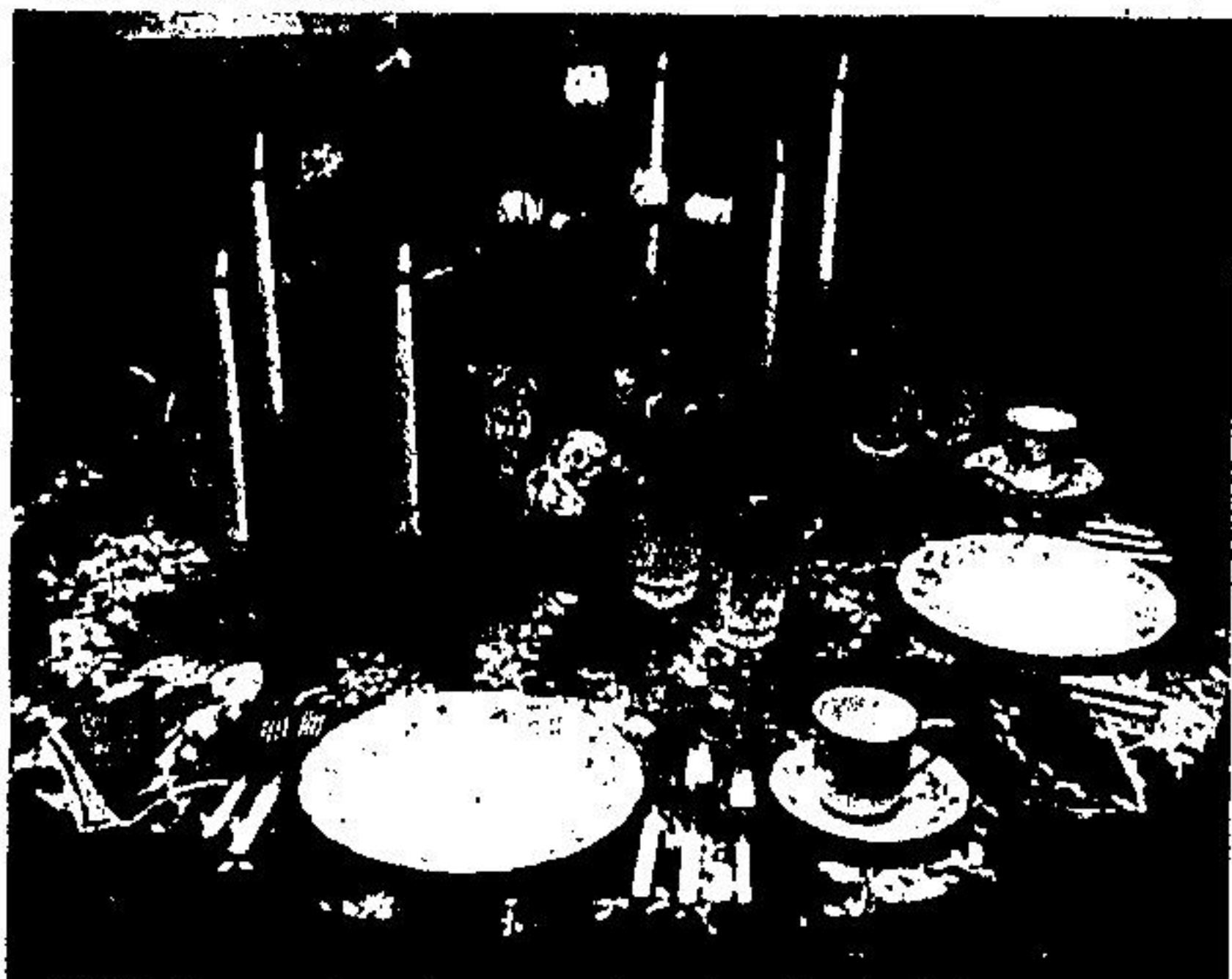
Summer elegance

The buffet service, themed "A Summer's Evening Supper," demonstrated how stripes and flowers can be combined to create a striking yet elegant table setting.

- Make a statement with flowers: For her table setting

"Woodland Tryst," award-winning designer Gloria Sachs selected the naturalistic floral Parasol pattern and created a richly-romantic country table setting with soft hues of lavender, pink and white.

The centerpiece arrangement combined pink tulips, white roses, and assorted woodland flowers and vines along with long white tapers in crystal candlesticks placed next to both settings.



FASHION DESIGNER GLORIA SACHS created a romantic "Woodland Tryst" table setting to complement the Parasol china pattern from the Lantana Collection introduced by Lenox. Ms. Sachs, along with four other top-name designers, demonstrated how to add creative touches to the table for your next celebration.

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