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BUNNY WILLIAMS'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

The designer dresses up a holiday table with pieces from her new collection for Ballard Designs. "A table setting is like a painting," she says. "It's so fun to start with a bare canvas and make it your own." ballarddesigns.com

"Collect items you use only for the holidays, and over time, these things will become treasured pieces you look forward to seeing every year."

A dash of sparkle brings an extra-festive touch to the table. Beaded Pagoda Flameless Candle Cover: $59.

Matching glasses and tumblers enhance the visual rhythm of the table. Spiral Wine Glass, four for $49; Small Tumbler, four for $39.

"Place cards make guests feel welcome and cared for." Watering Can Place Card Holders, four for $29.

WHAT THE PROS KNOW

"Custom pullout elements can make practical and aesthetic sense in your kitchen, but you don't need to trick out the whole room. All kitchens need some static space for those bulky, little-used items, like turkey-roasting pans.

ROBERT BAKES, KITCHEN DESIGNER; BAKESANDKROPP.COM

HOW TO

TURN A CHAMPAGNE CAGE INTO A TINY CHAIR

1. Use pliers to untwist and pull away the bottom wire ring.
2. Pinch together remaining wires slightly to form legs and hold in seat.
3. Bend loose wire in half, twist curved end into a circle, then bend it down.
4. Use pliers to twist ends of chair back around tops of back legs.
5. Sit back and admire your handiwork. Commence sipping Champagne.