

## CENTER OF ATTENTION



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TABLETOP DÉCOR IS THE EXCLAMATION POINT TO A DINING EXPERIENCE, WHETHER IT IS AN INDIVIDUAL DINNER OR LARGE EVENT. ONE THING IS CERTAIN, TABLETOP DÉCOR CHANGES ANNUALLY AND THIS YEAR, FLORISTS, CATERERS AND EVENT PLANNERS ARE FOCUSING MORE AND MORE ON INTRODUCING UNIQUE PIECES THAT SUPPORT THE THEME OF THE EVENT.

Designers are creating pieces that provide a more intimate feel for guests. It's long been known that floral designs need to be balanced so guests can communicate across the table, but now the centerpiece is created to

be not only a focal point but also a part of the table and décor.

#### THEMATIC

Alisa Zapiler of Creative Events & Occasions by Alisa Zapiler, Denver,

**ABOVE:** A votive candle illuminated centerpiece, supported with miniature white calla lilies, is by Dramatic Events.

**RIGHT:** This long banquet table, balanced with tall candelabra centerpieces holding floral bouquets and candles, was designed by Bouquets.



Whether the centerpiece is composed in a basket, vase or Styrofoam base, all tabletop decorators work to balance composition with color, texture and light for the guest's visual pleasure.

1. Straw hats, plaid napkins and a faux turf tablecloth perfectly express a country theme. By Footer's Catering.
2. Calla lilies blended with copper metal leaves in a bamboo basket make a handsome centerpiece. By Special Events by Amy Toltz-Miller.
3. Dramatic fluted glass bowl, with a lavender and white floral bouquet base, is from Creative Events & Occasions by Alisa Zapiler.
4. A large suspended birdcage anchors the table below and gives it suitable proportion to the large room. By Design Works by dave and mike.
5. A couple's table is elegantly appointed with a hurricane lamp encasing a candle centerpiece and fuchsia flowers and trim. By Dramatic Events.



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**ABOVE:** The exposed brick walls of Mile High Station make for a relaxed but polished venue.

**LEFT:** The ballroom of the Brown Palace Hotel provides a historic and elegant backdrop for a lavish wedding reception.