

Entertaining with

Style

Whether you are cooking a simple meal or having the event catered, pepping up the presentation at the bar and dinner table can be as simple as getting new wine glasses to discovering some elegant new tableware.

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Sophisticated service

Paloma Picasso not only has a famous name, she has her own artistic talent. Her Groove wine holder in sterling silver brings a contemporary panache to any table. It sells for \$1,250. Elsa Peretti's exclusive designs for Tiffany & Co. include this sculptural silver and vermeil Teardrop carafe with a contoured sterling silver service plate and Thumbprint water cup. The carafe sells for \$3,300; the service plate is \$2,400. Price of the Thumbprint water cup is available upon request. Available at South Florida Tiffany stores. If not in stock, it can be ordered. See tiffany.com for locations.

Glassware glam

If you aren't an oenophile and don't care about seeing the color of the wine or the bubbles in champagne, colored glassware like these in aquamarine might be just the ticket. The clear glass bowls are overlaid with aqua metallic that is cut in a lattice design. They come in wine glasses for red and white and champagne flutes and are sold separately for \$51.80 in sets of four. Available at Z Gallerie stores: Pembroke Gardens Mall, 14551 SW 5th St., Pembroke Pines, 954-438-4550; Mizner Park, 309 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, 561-347-5966; and Downtown at the Gardens, 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Ave., Suite 5103, Palm Beach Gardens, 561-622-4504, zgallerie.com.



1. Good as gold

When you really want to put on the glitz, the solution is to line your dinner table with gold. The Manhattan Gold Collection by Michael Wainwright is a creative answer with a grid design he says is reminiscent of the street layout of Manhattan. It is handcrafted in the United States and has a suggested retail ranging from \$84 for a bread plate to \$145 for a charger plate. Team it with L'Objet Gold Coral napkin rings, made of brass with gold plating and enamel. A set of four is \$115. Available at The Regency Collection, 3011 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, 561-995-2257, www.regencycollectiongifts.com.



2. Show off your Oscar

Oscar de la Renta, a favorite clothing designer of Hillary Clinton as well as Anne Hathaway, has a new Island Gift & Entertaining Collection that promises to bring the chic and effortless style of island life to your table. The collection, inspired by the lifestyle in his native Dominican Republic, was created in collaboration with Miles Redd, the creative director of his Home division. The standout piece is a cobalt-blue stoneware champagne bucket in the shape of a classical urn. It sells for \$350 at Bloomingdale's: Town Center Mall, 5840 Glades Road, Boca Raton, 561-394-2000; Gardens Mall, 3105 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, 561-625-2000; and Aventura Mall, 19555 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, 305-792-1000, bloomingdales.com.



3. Stylish stools

Start with the basics. So often guests still want to hang out in the kitchen or sit on stools at the bar. Karim Rashid, the New York design guru who has created everything from the Garbo garbage can for Umbra to lighting for Artemide, has designed a bar stool with comfort as well as sleek modern style. It is upholstered in leather with a swivel chair that adjusts to counter and bar height with everything in-between. It starts at \$1,530. The price varies with customization. Available at Sklar Furnishings, 6300 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, 561-862-0800, sklarfurnishings.com.



4. Italian inspiration

You don't have to serve pasta or risotto to use these colorful dishes inspired by the Umbrian region of Italy. The dinnerware, crafted in the Deruta style, dates back to the Renaissance and is done in the colors of its namesake city. The 16-piece set with four place settings sells for \$259.95. It is also sold by the piece. Available at Sur La Table: Mizner Park, 438 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, 561-953-7638; and The Promenade at Coconut Creek, 4449 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, 954-247-2204. If not all the items are in stock, the store can order them and have them delivered or you can order online at surlatable.com.



5. MacKenzie-Childs magic

MacKenzie-Childs has made a reputation with its colorful, hand-painted ceramics. Many of them have been bright or somewhat avant-garde, but the new Aurora Enamelware Collection is much more subtle and Old World. The collection, brought out to celebrate the company's 30th anniversary, is vintage inspired in pastels such as pale greens, peaches, aqua and white. Look closely and you can see silhouettes of their festive black and white teapots hiding in the trees, Highland Cattle grazing in fields and portraits of their farmhouse, estate barns and artisan studios. Prices range from \$36-\$108 and range from platters and plates to canisters and cookie jars. Available at MacKenzie-Childs, 238 Worth Ave., Palm Beach, 561-832-9877, mackenzie-childs.com.

