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Creating a Festive Table with Yvette Edwards

Wondering how to bring a sustainable touch to your festive table? Florist Yvette Edwards has a few simple ideas to make your Christmas occasion even more beautiful.

TOP TIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE TABLE

- Try and use local makers when you're sourcing; sustainability is about the environment but also supporting your own micro economy, whether you're buying from a local artisan breadmaker, a potter or a florist.
- Crackers are a classic part of the Kiwi Christmas and its great fun when everyone reads out the jokes out and finds their extra gift, but filling your own is a great way to get use year after year. Yvette uses fabric napkins, cardboard and ribbon to make the cracker shape. Fill them with *wanted* gifts like chocolates or bar soaps so items aren't ending up in landfill.
- Inside your vases use a few garden branches instead of floral foam for an easy way to hold all your blooms up and in place. Cut a few from the garden and crisscross them inside the vase - especially wide neck ones. Then place your flowers throughout the branches so everything will stay in place.
- Locally sourced unique, handmade pieces can really lift your table styling, adding individuality, texture and a lovely maker's story to share at the table.
- Use fruit and edibles to decorate along your tablescape. Not only are they a fabulous way to add colour and interest, but you can eat them later too!
- It's worth taking the time to think about what you need to buy carefully: make a plan of what you *need* to create the finished look you have in mind, and consider if you can re-use it, or do you really need it? Fabric napkins that can be washed, bells that can decorate the tree next time and so on. Doing this means you will buy less, and using less is more sustainable.