

Seasons Greeting

Entertaining at the holidays doesn't have to be stressful if you plan ahead. One simple way to get organized is to set the table the evening or day before guests arrive. Do it two days early if it makes your life easier. Why not enjoy the festive table in advance?

Jolly St. Nick

Traditional red and green and the jolly old elf himself will get even a grouchy Grinch in the Christmas mood!



We set Sherry Thiemer's dining room table with colorful dishes and accessories for Christmas breakfast.



Green placemats with a Santa trio appliquéd on the corner serve as the foundation to the table setting. Striped dinner plates and a clear cereal bowl are perfect for a hearty egg bake and oatmeal.



Although each piece was sold separately, you can't tell it's not a matched set. Santa mugs for coffee or cocoa and green stemmed flutes for champagne or juice complement each other.



I even found little wooden Santa napkin rings and red napkins.



Let your guests take home the felted and jeweled star ornaments as party favors. The curly ribbon is just for the fun of it!



What else would the centerpiece be but a collection of Santas and St. Nicks? Group what you already have or start a collection this season. Add sprigs of pine boughs and holly berries for additional color. Goodwill stores are a great source for such treasures.

This entire table setting including the centerpiece Santas cost \$40.50. Not bad for breakfast for four.

