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by Margaret Thomas

The table of today is leaning away from the conventional white damask to the startling blues, greens, reds, stripes, checks and flowers. Even the semi-formal dinner table offers the surprise combination of a navy blue tablecloth as a background for white chinaware.

The buffet luncheon fairly laughs

1. Turquoise blue pottery on a coral and white Swedish cloth with a walnut tray and bowl for service.

2. Hand woven place mats with wooden bowls, plates and goblets.

3. Navy blue lunch cloth with red plates, white cups and saucers and red-handled silverware.

4. Green and white checked crinkle crepe tablecloth with plates having orange and green stripes as a border.

5. White runners on a dark table with red flowers as an accent.

6. Dark blue plates on gleaming damask with an occasional highlight of yellow.

There are many other combinations as different and pleasing as these, but in planning the table, why not be original? Remember that the table creates the mealtime mood. Simplicity and functionality are the two biggest factors in table planning.

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