

Récolte

Prepared for a Friendsgiving · twelve friends, one long table

SAMPLE DESIGN — REAL PRODUCTS, FICTIONAL GUESTS

12 friends · real amber glass · twelve flameless candles · printable gratitude cards

Your brief

OCCASION

Friendsgiving — the annual one

GUESTS

12 — the chosen family

VENUE

A covered porch (plan B: push the couch back)

VIBE

“Abundant but adult — no cornucopia clip-art, no orange plastic”

LOVES

Candlelight, long dinners, the toast that goes around the table

GOODS BUDGET

\$150 – \$300

The concept



Concept rendering — the design, visualized

A bright harvest table in cream, wheat and amber. Small white pumpkins repeat along the center between low wheat sheaves and twelve ivory LED tapers. Smooth amber glass and soft cotton napkins give the table its warmth.

There is room to see one another and room to put down a glass. The meal is served from a separate buffet so the centerpiece can stay composed. At the end, each guest takes one small pumpkin, three wheat stems and their gratitude card.

The covered porch works only while it stays dry and comfortably warm. The same table arrangement moves indoors. Keep wax-coated LED candles out of heat and rain; flameless lighting still needs stable holders and secured batteries.

Color story



Cream
#FDF8F2



Amber
#D98E4A



Wheat
#D9C6A5



Brass
#E3AE5B



Cocoa
#43272E

Tablescape & décor plan

The table and its cloth	Planning layout: two 72 × 30-inch tables joined end to end, five people along each long side and one at each end. Two 60 × 84-inch cloths overlap about 12 inches at the join: roughly six-inch end drops and 15-inch side drops. These cloths will not reach the floor. Verify actual furniture before ordering.
Twelve small pumpkins	One Winlyn pack supplies twelve matching 3-inch white foam pumpkins with small gold resin stems. Place six loose pairs along the run. No giant gourds, tan pumpkin packs or loose autumn leaves are needed.
Six wheat sheaves	Make six horizontal sheaves of 30 stems: 180 stems used from the 300-stem pack, 120 held back for damage or future use. The 36 stems given away later come out of these sheaves; they are not counted twice.
Twelve warm lights	Two GenSwin six-packs supply twelve 9.64-inch ivory LED tapers. The twelve gold holders have 0.87-inch cups while the candles are 0.78 inch: test one pairing with a suitable removable candle adapter before ordering the full set. Use only a stable fit; the rendering is not a fit test.
The Alela Moment — gratitude	Put a blank card and pencil at every seat. After dessert, one host invites each person to read a line, with passing welcome. One friend takes the group photograph; a second gathers the twelve keepsakes for the goodbye.

Your shopping list

Reviewed for 12 guests. The shortlist replaces tiny craft pumpkins, paper cocoa napkins and plastic amber cups with better visual matches. It also supplies two six-candle packs. The original \$150–\$300 brief remains; the subtotal below excludes batteries, fitting supplies, furniture and the other required items listed separately.

ITEM	PACKS	PER PACK	
Fitable Nature faux-linen cloths · 60 × 84 inches, two One two-pack for the proposed 12-foot run. Linen-look fabric, not natural linen. 4.5/5, 1,230 ratings; feedback on thickness and wrinkles is mixed.	1	\$23.39	view →
Winlyn white foam pumpkins · twelve 3-inch pieces Twelve for the table, then one per guest. Matte white, small gold resin stems. 4.7/5, 427 ratings. These replace the previous 1.4-inch craft pumpkins.	1	\$12.99	view →
Natural dried wheat · 300 stems, approximately 18 inches Six 30-stem sheaves, with 120 stems held back. Natural sizes vary; unpack over a sheet to catch shedding. 4.4/5, 541 ratings.	1	\$24.99	view →

GenSwin ivory LED tapers · six per pack Buy two packs: twelve candles and two remotes. Each candle needs two AAA batteries, not included. 4.5/5, 15,683 pooled ratings; test every candle and remote.	2	\$17.99	view →
CLUSIVC Amber stemless glass · six 17-oz tumblers Two packs make twelve. Smooth, pale amber real glass rather than the old ribbed plastic cups. 4.7/5, 54 ratings: a promising visual match with limited feedback; inspect rims and color.	2	\$32.99	view →
Blue Needles Nut Brown cotton napkins · six, 18 × 18 inches Two packs make twelve. 100% cotton with hemmed edges. 4.7/5, 680 pooled ratings. Wash one first to check shrinkage, color and finish.	2	\$13.99	view →
Iooooo Ivory plastic plates · 51 dinner + 51 dessert Use twelve 10-inch dinner and twelve 7-inch dessert plates; reserve four of each at the buffet, store the remaining 35 of each. No charger is required.	1	\$29.99	view →
FOCUSLINE gold plastic cutlery · 25 of each utensil Twelve full settings; twelve extra forks for dessert and one spare fork. Thirteen spare knives and spoons. Plastic, not metal; use proper carving utensils separately.	1	\$9.99	view →
Cieex gold metal candle holders · twelve in three heights Four each at about 6.3, 7.48 and 8.67 inches. 4.4/5, only 40 ratings. Sample the 0.87-inch holder/0.78-inch candle fit before bulk ordering.	1	\$22.99	view →

Amazon shortlist: **\$254.28**

Add this shortlist to cart

Product listings and selected variants checked September 7, 2026. Prices are per retail pack, before tax and shipping; coupons are excluded. Reviews can cover several variants. Products have not been physically tested. Alela receives no commissions from these shopping links.

Planning sources: [GenSwin selected candle pack](#) · [Cieex holder dimensions](#)

The favor — what each guest takes home

Each guest leaves with one 3-inch white pumpkin, three wheat stems tied in jute and the gratitude card they wrote at dinner.

IN EACH FAVOR	PER GUEST	
One small white pumpkin taken from the twelve on the table	\$1.08	view →
Three dried wheat stems taken from the existing centerpiece sheaves	\$0.25	view →
Gratitude card and twine paper, ink and twine are separate supplies	To price	printable + twine

About \$1.33 in purchased pumpkin/wheat is used per guest, before paper, ink and twine. The retail packs cost \$37.98 together and are already in the shortlist. No second set of pumpkins or wheat is needed.



The honest list — what's not included

These are the remaining supplies and practical checks for this version. They are part of making the party work; they are not included in the Amazon subtotal.

REQUIRED: CONFIRM, BORROW, HIRE OR BUY

Tables, chairs and buffet	Confirm the two-table footprint, twelve chairs and a separate serving surface. Keep chairs and routes comfortable when occupied. Use a different cloth size if your measured table differs. Furniture and any rental are unpriced.
Batteries and candle fit	24 AAA batteries for the twelve tapers, plus four spare. Check both remote batteries and their secure compartments on arrival. Suitable removable candle adapters are unpriced; the holder fit is an open sample check, not a guaranteed combination.
Cards, ties and tools	Print eight US Letter sheets including the guide: 16 fold-over place cards and 16 small flat gratitude cards. Use twelve of each. Supply twelve pencils, scissors and about eight yards of jute twine: six 24-inch sheaf ties, twelve 12-inch favor ties, plus two yards for knots and errors.
Drinks and food service	Twelve plain water tumblers plus two spares, water jugs, serving utensils, trivets and lidded leftover containers. The twelve amber glasses are the celebratory drink service, not a second water-glass purchase. Check the meal with the host; plastic cutlery is not a carving set.
Warmth and the room	One knit throw is shown as room styling. For a porch dinner, provide enough washable blankets for whoever wants one and an indoor alternative. Existing chairs, sideboard, empty hearth, wall lights and background vase/branches are illustrative home context, not required purchases.

Season & comfort

Warmth before candlelight	Decide on the indoor fallback before setting the porch. Keep the meal where guests can sit comfortably; do not add an unplanned heater to rescue a cold evening.
Let everyone stay at the table	Seat anyone who needs easier access close to the clear route. Put water and nonalcoholic drinks within reach, keep music low enough for conversation and let guests pass during the gratitude round.
No extra flower bill	The wheat is already real, dried botanical material. Fresh flowers would change this pumpkin-and-wheat design; they are not needed to make it complete.

Printables

A place at the table	16 cream fold-over name cards, twelve + four spare. Blank names; cut the outside and fold the dotted line.
The gratitude round	16 cream 3.5 × 2-inch flat cards. Write on both sides as needed; twelve go home with the pumpkins. The guide includes the twelve-seat map and the counted harvest recipe.

[Download the printable kit →](#)

US Letter · print at 100% / actual size, not fit-to-page. Check the one-inch test square before cutting. Templates are draft artwork for this sample celebration.

Setup guide

Allow two adults 75–90 minutes after the advance preparation, plus a 20-minute welcome buffer. This is a planning estimate; moving furniture and cooking need their own time.



The staging — representative pieces grouped for preparation; use the written quantities

One week ahead	Measure the table and order one candle/holder sample combination. Inspect glass rims and finish, test the remote from several positions and check a washed napkin. Resolve wobble or poor finish while replacements can arrive.
The day before	Count twelve pumpkins and all light parts. Tie six 30-stem sheaves over a sheet, then pack them flat. Insert batteries and test the lights for the intended dinner duration. Print cards, write names and reserve four of each.
Build the table	Secure tables together using the furniture supplier's method, level them and lay the overlapping cloths. Set all twelve chairs before decorating. Keep doors and the path to the indoor backup clear.
Lay the center	Place six pumpkin pairs with a low sheaf near each pair. Alternate the three holder heights in the remaining gaps, away from plate edges. Keep wheat within the center strip; lift pieces out if elbows or serving space are crowded.
Set the places	One dinner plate, one dessert plate, one cotton napkin, three gold utensils and one amber glass per guest. Water tumblers stand above the knife. Put cards and pencils at each place; move dessert plates to the buffet if more room is needed.
Welcome and goodbye	Turn lights on before guests arrive and check all twelve individually. After the gratitude round, take three wheat stems from the table per guest, tie with twine and give with one pumpkin and their card. Remove batteries before long-term storage.

Fit, light and finish

Candle check	Assemble each metal holder fully. With the candle's battery compartment accessible, use an appropriate removable fitting adapter only if needed. The taper must stay upright without leaning or rocking when the table is gently disturbed; replace the pairing if it cannot.
A clean centerpiece	Trim broken wheat ends, keep seed heads away from food and enclose the twine knots neatly. Leave enough open table to set down a jug. These are dried natural stems; no fresh flower order or floral foam is needed.
Budget-minded version	Borrow twelve amber glasses and twelve brown cloth napkins to remove \$93.96 of purchases. Borrow twelve properly fitting holders to remove another \$22.99. Keep the existing quantities and update the imagery if you use different shapes. No higher budget is assumed.

When the glasses rise

We do not get to choose our family, but every year we choose this table, and everyone around it chose back. To the people who show up — that is the whole toast.

A starting point, not a script — your revisions can tailor it to your people.