



Clockwise from top left: Espresso Cups and Saucers by Christiane Perruchon / Bloom / 631.725.5940. Ceramic Flask / sylvesterandco.com. Mini Bowl with Spoon / homenature.com. White Weave Charger / aerin.com. Ceramic Nesting Bowls / comerfordcollection.com. Riga Glasses / canvashomestore.com. Marble Serving Board / homenature.com. Table Runner / silkandwillow.com. Himalayan Pink Salt and Herbs de Provence / sylvesterandco.com. Blackcreek Mercantile Small Double Handle Board / tiinastore.com. Sea Shell Spoons / homenature.com. Place Card by Linda Pasca / penandpaperdesign.com. Seagate Dinner Plates / canvashomestore.com. Linen Napkin / Bloom / 631.725.5940.

34 There is something to be said about a no-fuss affair: The fine china can stay in the cupboard, silverware doesn't have to be polished and the linens need not be pressed. With that level of ease, it's easy to see why in recent years, there has been an emphasis on a more casual way of dining—think family-style dishes and bench seating. This summer, give your go-to formal tableau the night off and set the table with an edgy mix of vintage staples

and raw wood accessories, like a carved salvaged-wood salt cellar from Homenature coupled with hand-dyed linens from Silk & Willow in upstate New York. New classics such as imported porcelain espresso cups made by artisans in Italy and effortless Astier de Villatte plates—picked up at Bloom in Sag Harbor—create just the right amount of *je ne sais quoi* when peppered with antique stunners (like a fish-eye bottle opener). Sit back, relax and revel in the fact that fretting over your next tablescape is a thing of the past. ■