

#DECOR

# Table décor ideas for a cosy time with your family



Under normal circumstances we would love to hang out with our friends at home or somewhere else, but with rising numbers of COVID-19 infections, the government has issued directives to cancel any social event or gathering of people. So instead of venturing out, why not stay inside the comfort of your home and observe an occasion, like a family member's birthday, over a cup of tea, snacks and a table décor to remember by.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT TABLE

For a simple arrangement, a table that can sit four to six people should be fine as long as it can fit all the tableware and food. Small tables offer ample space in the room for people to move around and is more suitable for a light afternoon tea event.

### TABLECLOTH AND PLACEMATS

For the tablecloth, you should pick a linen of your preferred colour. Along with solid colours, you can also go for prints. Floral prints with beautiful stripes look very elegant, just don't go for oversized flowery patterns as it can ruin the whole look of the table.

Placemats can either go with the same colour of your linen tablecloth or you can contrast it with printed ones. It's better to stay away from patterns and colours that are too jarring and clash with your overall table décor.

### TABLEWARE SETUP

With the basic parts done, it's time to pick out the right tableware. You can opt for the vintage tea sets sitting in your family's cupboard or bring out your recently bought modern style tea set that can offer you a trendy dining

experience.

You can set up tea service on one end of the table for the family members. The essential tea additions should include a milk pitcher, a sugar bowl with sugar cubes in it, teapots and a tray for lemon slices. You can also set up coffee or cocoa tray on the other end of the table to add variety.

Since it's a family only event, you should provide small plates, teacups with saucers and spoons for the served foods. You can add additional tableware and cutlery depending on the food like soup bowls and spoons, dessert plates, and forks. Don't forget to provide a tray or a large plate of sweet and savoury foods on the middle of the table.

### MAKE THE CENTREPIECE CAPTIVATE EVERYONE

For a floral centrepiece, you can



choose a transparent vase and fill it with your preferred flowers like white and lavender bougainvillea. Feel free to experiment with bright colours like placing fuchsia hue flowers in contrasting coloured vases like teal. Glossy metallic candle stands can be used for flowers too to make it interesting.

Along with the floral centrepiece, you can add a homemade baked cake and display it in the middle of the table. Scented candles or candlesticks on elegant stands will also look nice beside the cake or you can get boxed colourful candles to have a radiating colour display around the cake.

An informal event with your beloved family will be forever in your memories if the table décor can portray your intrinsic sensibilities, elevating any dining occasion.

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#COOKING

# Cooking made easy with VISION Oven



Kitchen gadgets are the new modern day helping hands to assist you with your culinary endeavours. Having the right appliances makes cooking a lot more fun, easier, and not to mention "adventurous"! One such essential kitchen appliance is an oven, and nothing compares with a multifunctional oven, such as the array of electric and microwave ovens offered by VISION.

VISION offers high quality ovens created by superior manufacturing procedures making them among the local companies that are raising the bar and setting new benchmarks. The cutting-edge technology and sleek design along with innovation in every product makes these ovens replete with functional and useful features.

Gone are the days when ovens were used only for heating and reheating

Give your oven a go and you can eliminate most, if not all of the problems. Preparing food using an oven also makes cooking more efficient and hassle free. That recipe you found online which makes you drool every time you see it? Maybe it is time to finally try it!

VISION ovens come equipped with multi-cooking stages that aids in food preparation. With the defrost function, you do not have to wait for hours to defrost before cooking, as the oven can do that task in mere seconds! This also enables stress-free cooking since you do not have to worry much about pre-cooking preparation.

There are several foods that can be made using only an oven, avoiding the usage of a stove completely, for example, mug cakes or brownies. Simply mix the ingredients together and let your oven do its magic. Another quick snack that only requires an oven is popcorn – flavour it with sweet caramel or savoury spices to munch on while you binge watch.

VISION Micro Oven VSM 30L Rotisserie is an all-rounder with microwave, convention, and grill functions that can toast, bake, grill, and broil. Using a feature as simple as toasting, you can prepare international delicacies such as Italian bruschetta or Mexican tostada. You can also bake whatever your heart desires be it cake, chips, bread, or muffin. Apart from snacks, try cooking full meals such as baked fish and vegetables in the oven

while you handle other chores.

With the broil function, get that perfect, glistening finish to your cheesy dishes such as pizza, pasta, or cheesy bread for that gorgeous cheese pull. And utilizing the grill function, you can throw in it marinated meat anytime you want and let your oven do the job whether for a quick dinner or upon the arrival of unexpected guests.

A multifunctional oven makes preparing restaurant-like food right at your home so much easier! You can also keep check of food hygiene and safety by yourself in this manner. VISION oven can be your partner for cooking adventures, whether it is a quick bite you are craving or a complete meal to satiate your stomach.

The vast array of products is available in capacities ranging from 20 to 32 litre. Geared with amazing functions, VISION ovens are also highly affordable with price ranging from Tk 8000 – Tk 17,500. Additionally, each oven has a minimum warranty of one year along with superior after sales home service.

To view the full range of products, visit <https://vision.com.bd/home-appliance/microwave-oven/>

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food. Now, you can also make a variety of meals from sweet to savoury using an oven. Cooking over a stove can be the customary method but it also entails strict temperature control, long exposure to heat, and risk of food spillage.



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