

When 'We' sit down for supper...

Yes. We do mean the royal 'we' when it's lockdown 3.0 and festive company isn't what you can look forward to - it's I, me, myself. And any locked in buddies. But that's no reason to go dull and dreary. What's life, if it's not for living it up, no matter what's in the air! Provided, of course, you are home and safe, flouting no lockdown rules.

When Stylist Shamita decided to dress her supper table, she decided to go all out and create a special setting fit for royalty. Also known as 'friends or family'. The fact that her bachelor pad had limited tableware and décor couldn't stop her creativity. And, wow, does the passion show!

First of all, there's the creative mix and match with all the pretty pieces that are available. And the quintessence of the visual that emerges is delightfully rustic. Nature peeps in from the outdoors and takes its rightful place in the tableaux. The forks and spoons wrapped in leaves catch the eye and draw an indulgent smile. The mix-matched crockery and serving ware all look just right, just because they are - just right.

Where does one begin? The eye flows from the centrepiece, the starting point. The colourful lights hold your gaze. The arrangements too, hold their own, with an attitude that exudes character - so what if there are no exotic blooms? Foliage, dry arrangements, the varying heights and gentle gradient of greenery...

Providing a subtle canvas to the subdued drama is an ethnic sheet that has doubled up for the day as a table cloth. The rustic, earthy tone continues. The lamps, dull lights, subtle backdrop... and suddenly, 'Voila!', the reserved signage from a restaurant scene that pops up to tell you that this is a special occasion - that you are special, and this supper table has been lovingly set for you!

<https://youtu.be/s4reBOjT2Do>

Tips and Trivia from our expert

- Flowers can transform any setting. Indulge in flowers
- Little pots of fresh growing herbs can add to the picture
- If it's a family setting, you can also use pictures, photos and personal memorabilia that gels well
 - Fairy lights give a mystic and mysterious feel that's quite magical
 - You might even choose a forest theme!
- Being well stocked and setting up with the best may give your setting a professional look, but, lovingly putting together what's available can give you priceless soul satisfaction.

Shamita Sharma, Design stylist:

An engineer by education, Shamita went on to pursue her passion for designing and has had done her fair share of understanding the many nuances of design.

Design for her is in every aspect of life - be it your homes, gadgets, equipment, ads and everything you see around you. Of course, not forgetting flora and fauna - the first and naturally occurring divine design elements.

Implementing usability and aesthetics is something that pushes her to design and keeps her motivated to help people see beauty in everything, be it big or small.

