



## SPRING DECORATING GUIDE

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Make your home bloom with brightness with easy tips from decorating experts **Karen Tack** and **Alan Richardson**.

### A CENTERPIECE YOU CAN EAT FOR DESSERT

Make dessert the centerpiece “arrangement” with a multi-layered cupcake tower. With a tiered serving platter (available at home decorating stores) assemble cupcakes - alternating colors and shapes between layers - to add to the drama. On Easter, make each layer a different color to mirror your favorite early spring flower, like yellow daffodils, pink primroses or violets.



### ADD A “PUNCH” OF COLOR

Make the punch bowl part of the party décor by amping up your favorite springtime drink with the color that mirrors the party theme. Depending on the punch ingredients, start by adding in five to seven drops of McCormick Food Color into a punch bowl and add more to achieve the desired hue. Complete the “punch station” by adding colored sugar-rimmed glasses in a complementary color theme.

### MAKE A SPLASH WITH COLORED ICE CUBES

Have a little fun with the modest ice cube by making them part of the tablescape décor. Simply add a drop or two of the desired McCormick Food Color into a pitcher of water, stir well and pour into an ice cube tray. Create a rainbow of ice cubes so that each person at the table can enjoy their own favorite color.

### PERSONALIZED PLACE SETTINGS

Make edible placecards by decorating spring-colored cookies with guests’ names or initials and put them at each place setting. Simply knead a few drops of food color into the dough before baking (dough can be store bought or home made) and add names or initials with tinted frosting.

### TABLETOP MASTERPIECES

Make a tablecloth of white butcher paper and let kids decorate with D.I.Y. Water Colors and Cooler Than Classroom Chalk (see Play section of workshop for directions). Or, have them make paint-on-placemats and even draw springtime or Easter scenery, like eggs, bunnies and baby chicks.

### CREATE AN OUTDOOR D.I.Y. DECORATION STATION

**For your child’s next birthday.** Bake cupcakes and cookies, and leave the decorating for the kids. Fill each section of empty plastic ice trays with different colors of sugar, sprinkles, shredded coconut, candy and nonpareils.

