

# Setting the Table

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THE BOLD REDS AND EXOTIC PATTERNS OF **MOROCCAN STYLE** SET A LOUCHE BOHEMIAN MOOD FOR DINING UNDER THE STARS BY MELISSA FELDMAN



Summer is for picnics. Our favorites take place after dark, when we enjoy the enduring allure of Moroccan style. Inspired by the bohemian expat Paul Bowles, caravan chic is influencing fabric, furniture, and flatware as tastemakers rediscover the arts of the medina. For a modern twist, mix china patterns (no two settings need be alike) and add bronze or gold to reflect the glow of votives—the perfect light for small groups murmuring at low tables under the stars.

Front: Hermès Balcon du Guadalquivir's American **DINNER PLATE**, \$100, and **CHARGER**, \$130. 800-238-5522. Sophie Villepigue's gold-plated Leopard **FLATWARE**, \$475 for five-piece set, by special order, at Barneys New York. 888-822-7639. Kinshasa **NAPKINS**, \$32 each, by Dransfield & Ross. In NYC, 212-741-7278. Back: Hermès plates with Villeroy & Boch **ACCENT PLATE**, \$55. 800-845-5376. Indian silk **BOX PILLOWS**, \$80, ABC Carpet and Home. In NYC, 212-473-3000. Moroccan **STAR TABLE**, \$1,300, Mezona **RUG**, \$250 to \$450, and **TEA GLASS**, \$7 each, from Sheherazade. In NYC, 212-539-1771. ▷