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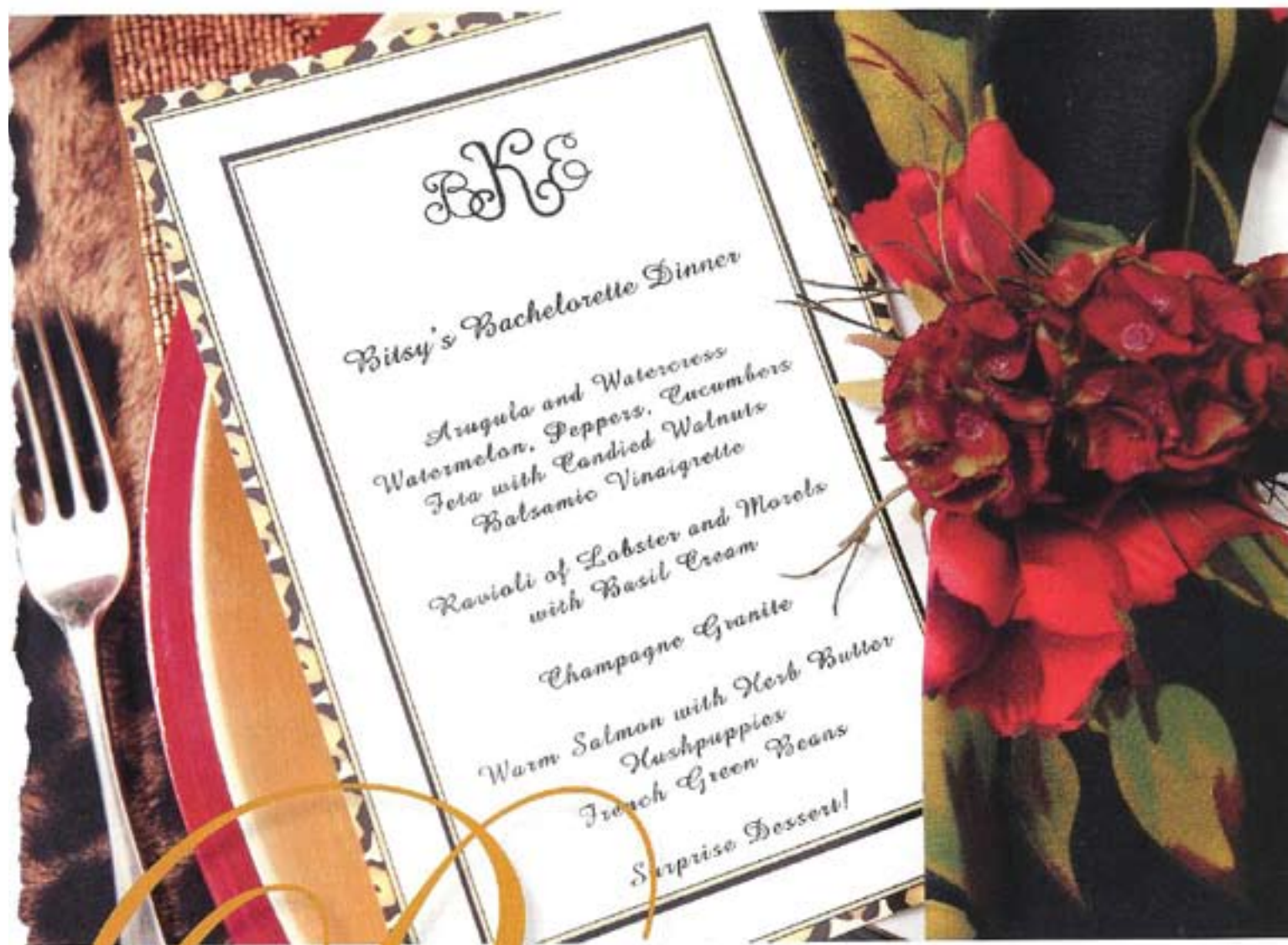
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OSH TABLES



Take a dinner party to new heights with a fabulously set table that will leave your guests feeling incredibly special. In a Wedding Essentials exclusive, Omahans Amy Moglia and Nina Rounpf (who have reputations for entertaining with flair) show how you can draw inspiration for an over-the-top tablescape just by studying an invitation's design or theme.



TABLE STYLING BY AMY MOGLIA

OCCASION Bachelorette dinner party

THEME "Bitsy's Wild About Charlie! Charlie's Wild About Bitsy!"

SETTING Poolside patio, home of Amy and Joe Moglia

LINENS Ruby floor-length cloth with jaguar-print overlay

DESIGN TIP Guard against being gimmicky; aim for a sophisticated table

HOW SHE DID IT

The invitation's animal-print border presented an obvious opportunity for linens. But Moglia didn't want the print to dominate; an overlay provided just the right magnetism. Ruby and gold accents were introduced for depth and drama for a red-hot bachelorette party!

BREAKING IT DOWN

This tablescape is all about layers — in linens, dinnerware and glassware. Patterns, shapes and textures are important, too. Note how dinner and salad plates sit on three layers of chargers.

THE CENTERPIECE

Moglia's choice of a rose-patterned dinner napkin and silk flower napkin ring provided inspiration for a Linen Gallery tureen filled with a dramatic mound of crimson rosebuds courtesy of Beyond the Vine Flowers & Gifts at Orchard Plaza. Centerpiece height is critical. Guests must be able to see each other across the table. If conversation and eye contact are obstructed, the centerpiece is bound to end up on the floor before the end of the first course. Beyond the Vine's creation is perfect.

THE MENU

"Something exotic." If not in presentation and taste, at least in name. The surprise dessert? A buff male dancer jumping out of a cake!

HOSTESS GIFT

Monogrammed notecards (from Moglia's Bear Hug Designs). For a very personal gift, get everyone's initials when they RSVP.

UNEXPECTED BONUS

The evening sun danced off the gold in the glasses and beaded placemats, bringing a warm glow to the table for our photo session.

GET TO KNOW

Amy Moglia



"I'm in a happy business," says Amy Moglia. "Everybody comes to me with a smile," ready to celebrate a new home, a new child, a new spouse.

She helps spread the news with Bear Hug Designs, a line of original invitations, announcements and other specialty stationery items. The company name was inspired by her late father, John Harvey, whose hugs "felt so warm and good." That's how Moglia wants people to feel when they receive one of her creations.

Moglia works in pen and ink, then colorizes her illustrations before sending finished designs to a stationery printer for reproduction on fine papers. "Drawing is my passion," Moglia says. "I'm never not drawing. I'm obsessed."

Find Bear Hug Designs at 135 stores nationwide, including the Linen Gallery at Regency Court, Periwinkles at Village Pointe, Village Stationery at Countryside Village and Mulhall's at 120th Street and West Maple Road. www.bearhugdesigns.com



Invitation designs
for our POSH TABLES
by Amy Moglia, Bear Hug
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LIVING COLOR

Touch of Color Bermuda Blue dinner paper plate, 18 for \$4.99; Amscan Sunny Stripe Pink salad-dessert plate, 8 for \$3.49; Amscan Floral Paradise Warm luncheon napkin, 16 for \$3.99; Samantha Walker polka-dot cardstock, \$1.99 per sheet.



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ON A SMALLER SCALE ...

Wedding Essentials headed to a party-goods store with a poppy invite by Amy Moglia of Bear Hug Designs (\$12 for 10 flat cards, plus printing). We discovered a theme in tropicals. It was easy to emphasize the papaya and teal in stripes, botanicals and animal prints. For centerpieces, consider orchids, birds-of-paradise, poppies, hibiscus, elephant's-ear and ferns. When planning the menu, extend the color palette to hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages.

**PLAYFUL PATTERN MIX**

Paper Art Exotic Floral dinner plate, 8 for \$5.99; Caspari Beach Stripe napkin, 20 for \$5.99; Creative Expressions coconut cup, \$2.49; silk poppies, \$9.99 bouquet with about 20 blooms; bamboo placemat, stylist's own.

WILD

ATTRACTION Checcolite Brown dinner plate, 18 for \$4.99; Caspari Serengeti salad-dessert plate, 8 for \$3.99; Special Occasion beverage napkin with Hawaiian motif, 16 for \$2.99; Samantha Walker polka-dot cardstock, \$1.99.