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Design Guide: a charming ranch wedding with whimsical and lovely details



Holland Ranch, San Luis Obispo, California {10 23 10}

table inspiration

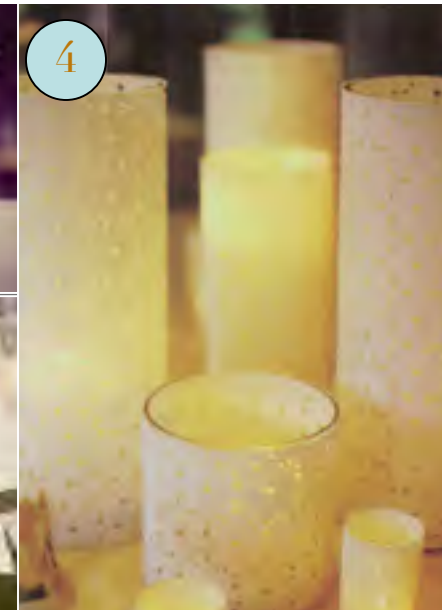
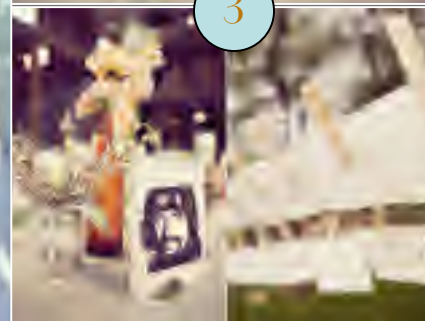
butcher paper



table cloths



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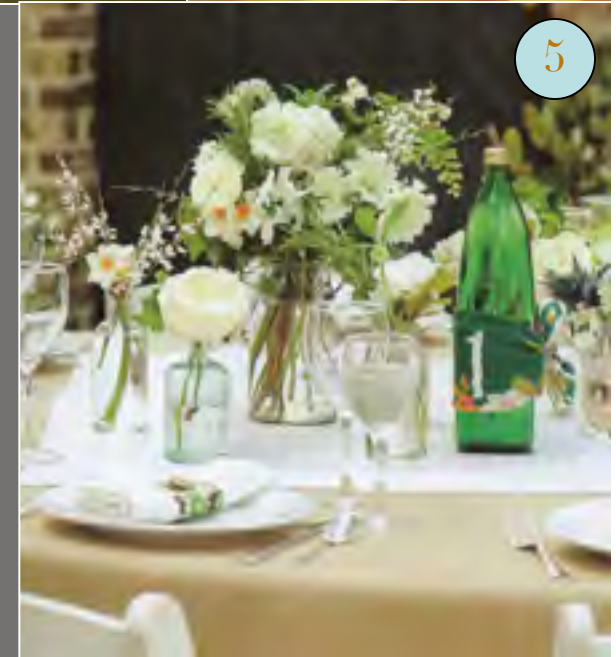
1} Save money on linen rentals by using butcher paper, which will fit in nicely with the rustic venue. Grey butcher is paper available online!

2} Add tons of visual interest with deep colored napkins like Aubergine and a menu (which you can print on cardstock at home), can be folded in with the napkin or lain on top (think about tying with twine).

3} Multiple small vases create rustic charm and can be less expensive than a big arrangement. Collect vases from thrift stores, plus save glass jars and tin cans from grocery items. Tie with ribbon, yarn or raffia, and you're all set! 3-5 per table.

4} Candles wrapped in doilies, decorative paper, or eyelet cotton as shown is an easy DIY project with great visual impact.

5} Yard size fabric or vintage handkerchiefs anchor your centerpiece, plus double duty water or wine bottle table markers fill in a table and add to your décor.



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B & E accessories: escort cards and favors



Multi-frames



Large single frame



Wrapped foam board



Easel stand

Escort cards: make a more interesting display by creating a board or stringing your escort cards. Collected garage sale/thrift store finds can be painted so that they are all the same color, or skip the frame and wrap foam board or cork board with fabric or wrapping paper for a polished look. Try hanging on the barn wall, buy an easel or simply prop a board on a table against the wall.

Favors: homemade jam jars are simple to decorate either with decorative paper/fabric lids or a bit of ribbon. If you end up feeling that your table décor is a little bare, set a favor at each place setting for a little more visual interest.

Photos: clothespin Greg Chelsea, all other images from Martha Stewart Weddings



Beckie & Ethan: outdoor ambience



the inspiration: “Big Fish”



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Create the inspiration look from “Big Fish” with Italian lights attached to wooden posts. The posts do require a bit of handiness, but are inexpensive to make with the posts either nailed to a base or placed into a bucket with concrete poured in for support. (Ask your venue if they have any left over from previous weddings or can recommend tips.) Image 1 is definitely all out with the lighting, and a similar look can be achieved with only one or two posts as seen in image 2.

A beautiful and inexpensive addition to the ambience are luminarias. White paper bags with chunky candles in glass/tin holders offer lovely light. Punch holes in bags for extra light and interest.

