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Wedding Place Settings with Divine Disposables

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Looking for an engagement gift? Stop right here and check out this book! This is the most valuable gift that you can possibly give the couple, especially if they are on a budget.

As we know, most brides dream of the fairy-tale wedding reception. However, in many cases finances are limited causing stress and anxiety. Granoff dispels this tension and shows the couple how they can have an extravagant-looking reception using disposables. Yes, disposables. No, not

your ordinary paper plates, but elegant looking table settings that sparkle, shine, and give the look of “expensive.”

First of all, this book is not a wedding planner. Granoff is upfront with this. You will have to get that one elsewhere. However, what this book is -- is looking at available disposable products, how to coordinate the products, and how to make the most elegant table settings possible.

Granoff shows “how-to” harmonize colors, seasons, and themes. For example, Summer Opulence is inspired by the floral napkins. Picking on the theme of yellow background with pink flowers, the table is set accordingly – from the place settings to the appetizer itself. Chiaroscuro (use of black and white only) is very sophisticated and dramatic. Even the nut cup has black and white candies in it.

Some of the other themes that Granoff uses are Ethnic Drama, Pink Posh, Seaside, Lavender Wisteria and Silver Romance. Of course, there are more. And, themes can be interchangeable. The photos on every page and the notes from the author will certainly give the wedding couple ideas that they can incorporate into their own reception.

But, “Divine Disposables” isn’t only for the couple; it is also of benefit of any caterer or wedding planner. Furthermore, most of the products are available at any local party store; however, better yet, the products may be purchased online at the author’s store at a very reasonable cost. I know – I checked!

I commend Janyce Robins Granoff for providing harried brides and budget minded couples a simple, budget-friendly, yet very elegant and sophisticated look at the reception in “Wedding Place Settings with Divine Disposables.” And...no one has to do the dishes!

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