

GARDEN VARIETY

FASHION STYLIST
LAUREN GOODMAN
USES A MIX OF
EYE-CATCHING
ACCESSORIES TO
ENLIVEN A
FAR-FROM-FORMAL
GARDEN PARTY.



Lauren Goodman's approach to entertaining in her San Francisco garden plays on a lively fusion of high and low, with a big dose of color and pattern. On the table, *opposite*, the eclectic mix includes indigo-dyed fabrics, marble-pattern cushions, and hits of bright pink and yellow.

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» LAUREN AND HER SON GAVE \$1 IKEA TEA TOWELS A WABI-SABI LOOK WITH INDIGO DYE.

HOSTING WITH Style

Small personal touches create big impact.

1 SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

Make guests feel special with an easy crafted cocktail, below. Lauren mixes a dark 'n' stormy—"a sailing drink apropos to the Bay Area."



fashion stylist Lauren Goodman knows the power of contrast and uses it to create a look that's fancy meets free-spirited, whether she's putting together an outfit or setting the table. Decorating for a gathering in her San Francisco garden, she melds old and new with high and low in a way that's uniquely LG (as her friends call her). She anchors the look with a foundation of casual ethnic textiles. "I love their color and pattern because they inject a lot of happiness and energy," she says. "They always loosen things up and create an unfussy and slightly exotic mood." Lauren's knack for mixing unlikely companions is her signature. Vintage silver. African mud cloths. Chunky ceramics. They're all welcome. "The mix is where the fun and the surprise come in," she says. The contrasts continue in the menu with comfort foods (takeout fried chicken and macaroni and cheese) served with a salad from the garden and sparkling Vouvray, a white wine that's less spendy than Champagne. (Bernard Fouquet is Lauren's favorite.) "It's instantly celebratory," she says.



2 LANDING SPOT

Lauren "upholsters" outdoor furniture, above, with pattern-heavy African Baule mud cloths from The Voyagers Closet (thevoyagerscloset.com).

3 EASY DESSERT

Her favorite dessert is a DIY sandwich bar, right, of warm chocolate chip cookies, vanilla ice cream, and black salt.



5 CUTTING GARDEN

Lauren saves time by ordering takeout, but she enhances the menu with fresh greens plucked from her garden, far left.

6 DRINK STATION

A separate drinks station, left, encourages guests to roam through the garden. CB2's Marta glasses look and feel expensive but cost only \$2 each. ■



USE A POTTED PLANT AS A CENTERPIECE TO CHANNEL THE GARDEN VIBE.

4 TABLE SETTING

Lauren used an indigo mud cloth to soften the hefty wooden table. It's more casual than a tailored tablecloth so it doesn't have to fit exactly.