

A COASTAL CORNUCOPIA

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Living in paradise means having the unique opportunity to celebrate the holidays in new and exciting ways. Within Thanksgiving history, Pilgrims showed their gratitude by placing a *cornu copiae*, or horn of plenty, at the center of the table and filling it with corn, beans and squash. This year, we've taken a creative approach to this treasured tradition by adding a touch of coastal elegance. Placing an assortment of collected shells in and around a great glossy seaside gem is an effortless technique capable of complementing any festive display. When combined, these exotic ocean jewels create a charming centerpiece, destined to be the star of any table's arrangement. Such a stylish main feature will beckon for the most interesting of dinner conversation as beloved friends and families pass plates to one another on this precious occasion.

For this year's celebration, we invite you to share this simple, creative design and make it your own! Gather beautiful ocean items together and devise a one-of-a-kind focal point, one that will keep company marveling long after helpings of pumpkin pie.