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Designer Lane Oliver of LEO Interiors creates a colorful tablescape with dramatic pattern and playful style.

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DESIGNER LANE OLIVER HAS A FEW TIPS for creating a bright, whimsical summer tablescape like the one she designed here. Start with the backdrop: the table or the tablecloth. "I fell in love with this large floral print tablecloth," she says. "The scale and the charm of the pom-poms brought life to the patio." Use color, but use it evenly, so that even bold color palettes—like Oliver's—feel balanced. Keep an eye on the scale of items: "I selected patterned plates and bowls that were of a smaller scale than the print on the tablecloth. When you use multiple patterns, which you should, vary the scale, so the patterns aren't fighting with one another." And finally, have fun when you're setting a table for outdoor dining. "Your design should celebrate the joy of entertaining outdoors." □



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