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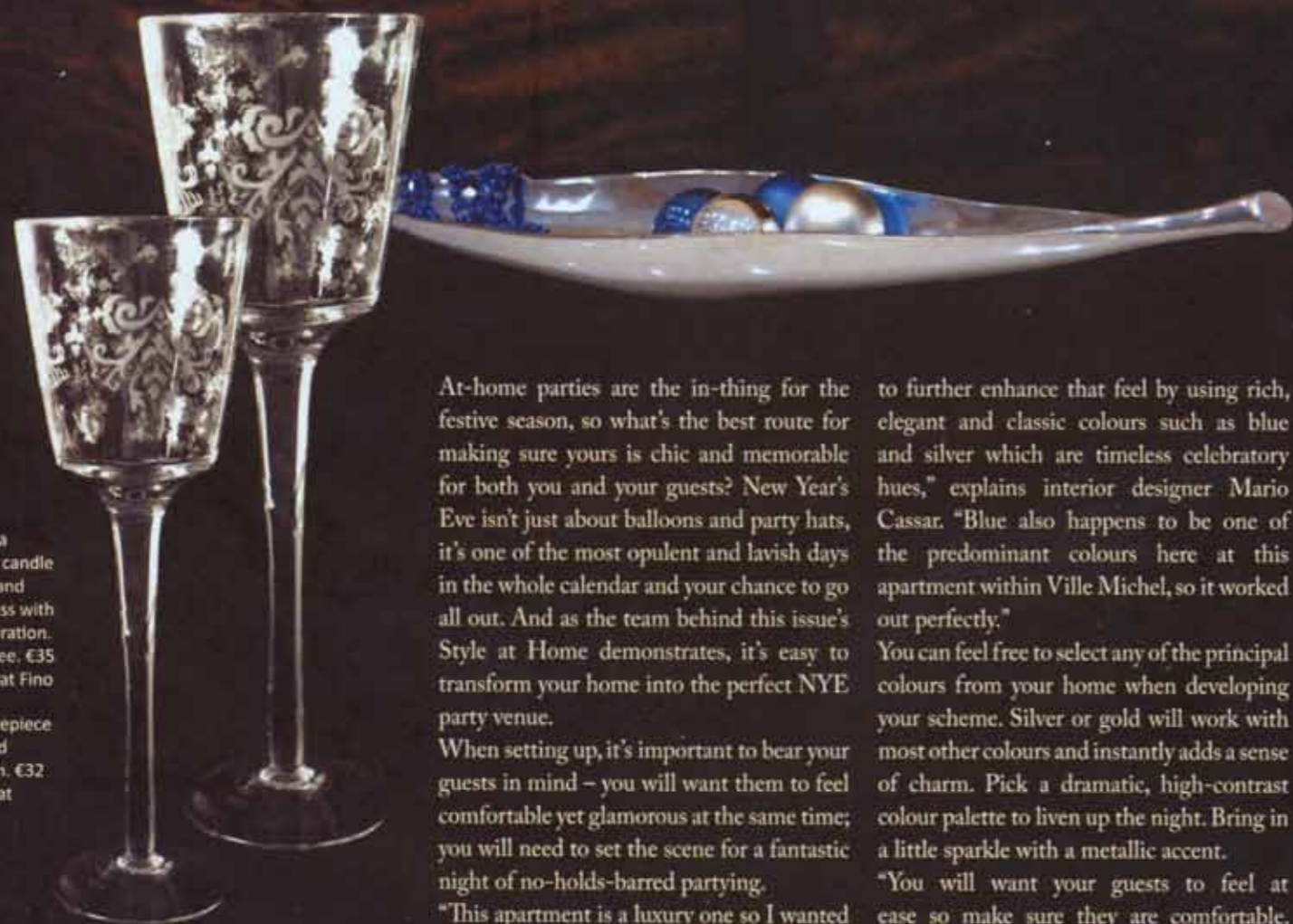
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RING IN THE NEW YEAR

The New Year brings with it a longing for lavish parties, luxury and plenty of fun. Plus it's the one time of the year when it's OK to be kitsch! *DAVID NCUBE* explores how to set the scene for welcoming in the 2009.



Bougies La Francaise candle holder. Hand blown glass with gold decoration. Set of three. €35 Available at Fino

Leaf centerpiece in polished aluminium. €32 Available at Ideacasa

At-home parties are the in-thing for the festive season, so what's the best route for making sure yours is chic and memorable for both you and your guests? New Year's Eve isn't just about balloons and party hats, it's one of the most opulent and lavish days in the whole calendar and your chance to go all out. And as the team behind this issue's Style at Home demonstrates, it's easy to transform your home into the perfect NYE party venue. When setting up, it's important to bear your guests in mind – you will want them to feel comfortable yet glamorous at the same time; you will need to set the scene for a fantastic night of no-holds-barred partying. "This apartment is a luxury one so I wanted

to further enhance that feel by using rich, elegant and classic colours such as blue and silver which are timeless celebratory hues," explains interior designer Mario Cassar. "Blue also happens to be one of the predominant colours here at this apartment within Ville Michel, so it worked out perfectly." You can feel free to select any of the principal colours from your home when developing your scheme. Silver or gold will work with most other colours and instantly adds a sense of charm. Pick a dramatic, high-contrast colour palette to liven up the night. Bring in a little sparkle with a metallic accent. "You will want your guests to feel at ease so make sure they are comfortable.



Haviland Limoges France champagne flutes. €51.25. Available at Fino. [Below] Bougies La Francaise scented candle in glass container with bamboo lid. €19.

What We Chose

We went for chic and classic. Simple yet effective accessories will make all the difference when you're adding drama and glamour to the look of your home. When scouting for items we looked

out for things with added sparkle and oomph as these are the items which stand out. We were particularly drawn to gold, silver and blue – whether it's crockery, cutlery or those extra items which add atmosphere. (We especially loved the silver and glass candle holders and glitter infused plates currently available on the market). Remember it's the little touches which will bring your home to life for one of the most magical nights of the year.

By adding welcoming touches – textured cushions, the warmth of the fireplace and fresh flowers – you will be instantly and effortlessly setting the scene. It's the little touches that ensure your party decor will be elegant and memorable." If you want something completely different then try other themes on for size. There is no shortage of fun, fashionable and stylish ways to see in 2009. Take your pick from: a murder mystery, a 1950s theme, Hollywood glamour, on the beach, the roaring 1920s or black and gold. Pink, purple and lime green are other must-use hues of the season and they really will add a touch of decadence to your celebrations.



Ville Michel is a development of 35 luxury apartments and two penthouses in Mellieha. Every inch of this expansive complex reflects the combined touch of skilled workmanship and sophisticated décor well suited to modern, opulent living.



Broggi stainless steel water pitcher. €79.20. Available at Fino. Louis candle holders in silver glass. €43. Available at Ideacasa. Herve Gambs white glass vase and floral bouquet of roses - available at camilleriparismode.



Top Tips for Effortless NYE Party Decoration:



CHOOSE CLASSY CANDLES – Simple candles on glass candle sticks will add a touch of colour and glamour; an easy way to incorporate your chosen colour scheme. Scented varieties will add atmosphere too.

ADD SPARKLE – Sprinkle sparkly confetti or shiny-wrapped chocolates on the table for added oomph. Fill large bowls and vases with shiny ball ornaments, colourful vase gems, or mini disco balls.

PLACE CARDS – These can be great fun and you can make them to match your colour scheme. You could go for something demure and elegant or something wild and whacky depending on your theme.

FLOWERS – If you want to add some 'zing' opt for exotic flowers. A small bunch will go a long way – pop them into a wide glass and sprinkle them with glitter.

PARTY BAGS – A fun throwback to the days of yore but with a grown-up twist! Fill little bags with fun adult treats like luxury chocolates, mini champagne bottles and a personal touch such as tiny bottles of perfume or little, lush soaps. It's retro chic!