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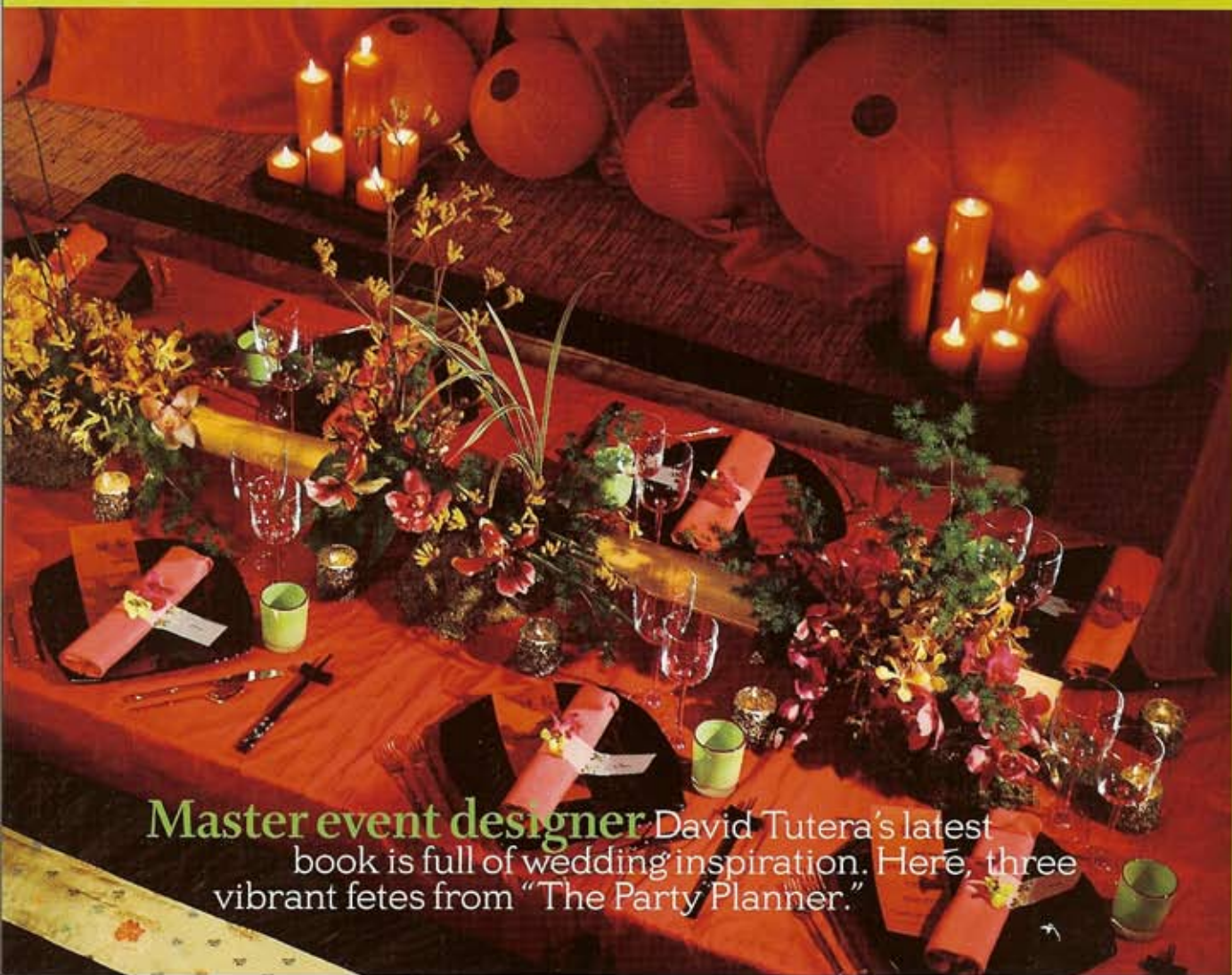
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the theme scene



Master event designer David Tutera's latest book is full of wedding inspiration. Here, three vibrant fetes from "The Party Planner."

This homage to the Chinese New Year begins with the high temperature of the color scheme, which envelops the space in deep tones of crimson, fuchsia, and orange.

TUTERA'S TIPS

- » A low table, one of the key elements here, is easy to create. Tuck the legs under a folding table, and place at least two sturdy crates, 12" to 18" high, beneath it. Surround it with flat sofa cushions, and cover all surfaces with fabric.
- » Spray-paint plain white paper lanterns for a custom look.
- » Set geometric plates, minimalist glassware, and bamboo-style flatware on an angle to create clean, simple lines.
- » Start the party with green-tea martinis: one part vodka, one part green tea, and a splash of ginger liqueur.

TOP: Instead of a runner, Tutera assembled moss, bamboo, and orchids in a low arrangement. Chopsticks are offered for agile guests, along with Western cutlery. **RIGHT:** Favor fortunes can be tailored with appropriate words.

