

## Getting Set

Blending your grandmother's heirloom china with edgy Hermès serving pieces isn't an unreasonable goal as long as you enlist the owners of the **SILVER PEACOCK**, a newly opened New York boutique for the home. Charlie Akwa and Jennifer Flanders skillfully help soon-to-be-weds register for modern dinnerware that complements inherited pieces, working with couples in person or by means of e-mailed images and FedEx'd samples. They also carry coordinating linens and silver. Says Akwa, "Together we can create a refined look that goes beyond the typical five-piece place setting." *1110 Park Avenue; 212-426-2610; [thesilverpeacock.com](http://thesilverpeacock.com).*



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## STRIKE A POSE

When Emily Beretta (right, with a bridesmaid) wed Ben Ford (who's every bit as hunky as dad Harrison), they hired big-name photographer Frank Ockenfels. Instead of taking the usual posed shots, however, Ockenfels set up a **PHOTO STUDIO AT THE RECEPTION** where guests spontaneously hammed it up for his camera (often with props, including a giant giraffe mask). "We ended up with an album that captured the joy of the moment, and fun pictures of everyone who was there," says Emily. Want to follow her lead? Ask your photographer to set up a scrim, provide a few props, and watch what happens. **M.F.**



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## Special Delivery

As Los Angeles stationer Wende Wen, founder of **SOOLIP**, says, "Nothing can match the fine engraving of an old stamp." That's why she favors using vintage postage, arranged in an artful cascade, on an invitation's outer envelope. Wen will find a collection of unused stamps—totaling the proper postage—that match a wedding theme or destination (from \$6.75 for an envelope; 310-380-0545; [soolip.com](http://soolip.com)). Or you can try your luck at locating valid face-value stamps online at [Championstamp.com](http://Championstamp.com) or [Kenmorestamp.com](http://Kenmorestamp.com). Either way, you'll turn a plain invitation envelope into a frameable keepsake. **S.S.**

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