



Set the Table Like Someone Is Coming

The House Rules of the Table

"Etiquette is simply love, made visible."

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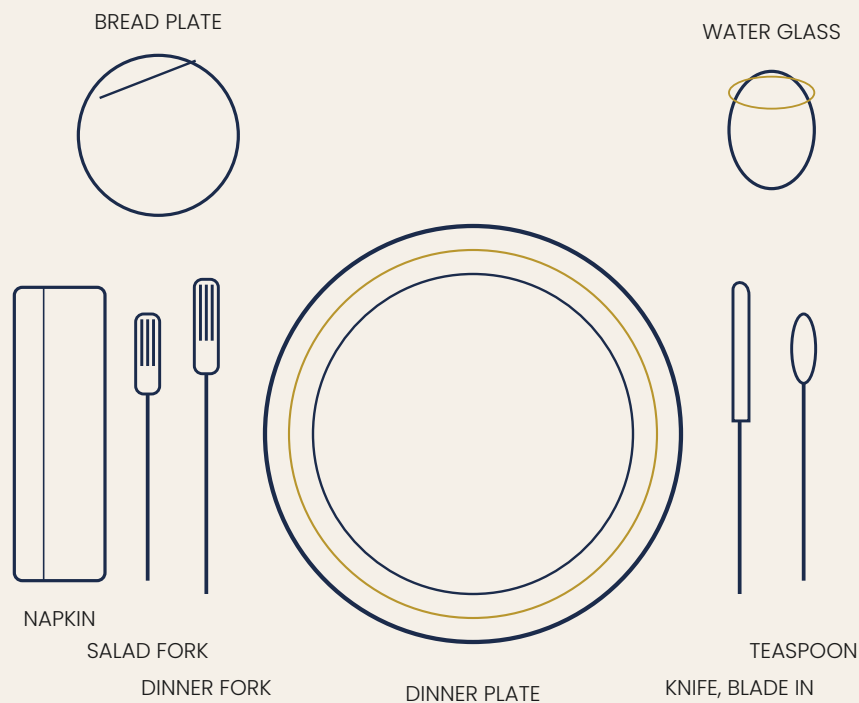
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The Everyday Place Setting

Forks to the left. Knife and spoon to the right. Love in the middle.



The rule of thumb: silverware is laid in the order it will be used, from the outside in. A guest should be able to work their way toward the plate without a moment of doubt.

Seven Rules of the Table



1. Set the table before anyone arrives.
A set table says you were expected. An empty one says you were a surprise.
2. Forks left, knife and spoon right.
Knife blade always facing the plate — never your guest.
3. Work from the outside in.
Lay silverware in order of use, and no one at your table will ever have to guess.
4. The napkin goes to work, not to waste.
On the lap when you sit, on the chair if you step away, left softly beside the plate when the meal is done.
5. No phones on the table.
The table is for the people at it. Whatever is on that screen will keep; this hour will not.
6. Serve others before yourself.
Dishes travel to the right. The host eats last and somehow enjoys it most.
7. Stay a while.
The meal ends when the conversation does — not when the plates are empty.
Lingering is a compliment to the cook.



Elaine still sets a full table for Sunday dinner, even when it's only two. Standards, she says, don't take days off.

Morgan keeps cloth napkins in the everyday drawer. Beautiful things were made to be used, not saved.

Zora learned the diagram on this page by heart — her first dinner party is proof that grace can be studied.

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Come on in. The House is fine. ♥