

How to Set a Table

- I. Gather Supplies:
- Silverware
- Plates
- Glasses
- **Napkins**
- Placemats
- 2. Put clean placemat in front of each chair.
- 3. Place a clean napkin on the left side of the placemat.
- 4. Set the plate in the center of the placemat. It should cover just the right side of the napkin.
- 5. Place the dinner fork and salad fork on the napkin.
- The dinner fork should be very close to the plate without touching it. The tines of the forks should be pointing away from the diner.
- The salad fork is to the left of the dinner fork.
- 6. Place the knife to the right of the plate.
- The knife should be pointing away from the diner with the cutting edge facing the plate.

- 7. Place the teaspoon (smaller spoon) to the right of the knife. A soup spoon (larger spoon) can be placed to the right of the teaspoon.
- 8. Place the water glasses on the top right corner of the placemat. The tip of the knife should be pointing to the water glass.

For Formal Table Setting

- I. Place the salad plate on the dinner plate.
- 2. Place the dessert spoon horizontally above the plate, pointing left.
- 3. Place the dessert fork parallel to and below the dessert spoon, pointing right.
- 4. Position the bread plate on the left side, above the forks. Place the butter knife on the bread plate.
- 5. Place cup and saucer on the right side, next to the soup spoon.
- 6. If using place cards, place directly above the dessert spoon. Make sure the name is visible to the other diners.

