

Dining delights

Whether it's contemporary, retro or mixed and matched, appealing dinnerware can make every meal special

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DINNERWARE loves to be noticed. In fact, it's meant to be.

Anytime a beautiful table is set, it isn't long before guests are complimenting colors, or noticing the feel of a well-designed cup and saucer the moment coffee is served.

Since dinnerware is all about holding and serving food, it needs to be as functional as it is stylish. Dinner plates, dessert plates, cups, saucers, and serving platters all serve a specific function; and the same goes for spoons, forks, and knives, all known as cutlery.

Purchasing complete sets is one way to establish your individual style, and can be a convenient way of purchasing most of what you'll need at one time. This also helps avoid the risk of discontinued designs.

Dinnerware is available in a wide range of styles, colors, textures, and materials. Choose from solids, stripes, or whatever captures your fancy. When it comes to setting an attractive tablescape, you'll find a wonderful array of patterns and prices to choose from.

Another option is to build your own collection, and customize your look with specific pieces along the way. Collecting patterns can be great fun, with endless opportunities to rediscover popular classics, and mid-century vintage patterns on online sites like eBay and Etsy.

Today, it's easy to mix and match, introducing contrasting colors and complementary patterns. Have fun creating a unique ambience that's all yours.

It doesn't have to be a holiday to bring out your favorite dinnerware; personal style is welcome every day!

From breakfast to dinner settings, to outdoor barbeque-ware, we hope you enjoy these handpicked dinnerware delights—unique and eye-catching complements for mid-century modern dining and kitchen tables.

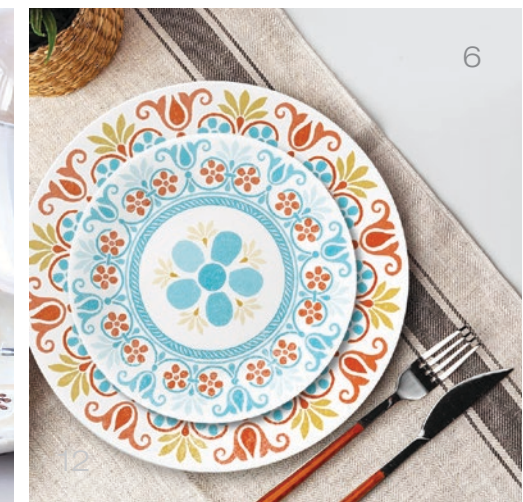


1 Confetti

Confetti pattern dinnerware takes the cake with its pastel pink primrose color! The 12-piece 'Spring' collection is made of durable, recycled melamine. 100 percent BPA-free. Top rack dishwasher safe. Contains four dinner plates, four salad plates, and four individual bowls. For indoor or outdoor use. Available in five colors. \$52. [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

2 Flowers

Set a happy tone to your dining table with this set of vintage-inspired 'Mod Flowers' plates from Holistic Habitat. Plates are dishwasher-friendly, microwave safe, and food safe. Hand-painted stoneware, so no two plates are the same. Imported. Set of four plates (5.5 inches). \$40. [holistichabitattclt.com](https://www.holistichabitattclt.com)



3 Fable

Here's a cool-looking line of bamboo dinnerware to mix or match to your heart's content. Eco-friendly, each piece is crafted from sustainable bamboo fiber, non-GMO corn starch, and a touch of BPA-free melamine for durability. Offered in eight rainbow hues. Available singly or in larger sets. Four-piece set \$38. [food52.com](https://www.food52.com)

4 Stripe

Do a bit of time travel with this '70s-inspired orange and cream striped dinnerware designed by Miranda Lambert. Constructed of porcelain with a pleasant mix of vintage inspiration and

nostalgia that is sure to add style and charm to any table setting. 12-piece set \$69. [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com)

5 Raina

Introducing Raina, sleek, speckled porcelain dinnerware from Dansk. Since the 1950s, Dansk has produced kitchen staples with

retro-inspired shapes and Scandinavian materials. Available in three- or four-piece sets, to mix n' match with pasta and soup bowls. Mugs available too. Choose from three rustic hues. 100-percent dishwasher safe. [Food52.com](https://www.food52.com)



9 Siterra

Subtle blues, grays, and soft white distinguish this heavy-duty, chip-resistant, stoneware set from Sango. Designed in New York City, a fresh sprinkling of speckles adds a tactile touch with ridge details to each piece. Microwave and dishwasher safe. Matching mugs available separately. 16-piece set \$66. [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com)

6 Dreams

Let your dreams be 'Terracotta Dreams' with this unique boho design. Known for its indestructibility, Correlle Vitrelle glass is a shatterproof, triple-layered glass crafted in Corning, N.Y. since 1970. The material is safe for dishwashers, microwaves, freezers, and preheated oven temps to 350F. 18-piece set \$99. [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

10 Hygge

Innovative Nordic-inspired cutlery that combines easy elegance with minimalist flair. Artisan crafted and designed in Canada from high-quality 18/10 stainless that's ideal for daily