

Setting the scene

Not so long ago, it was common for newly married couples to receive a canteen of silverware. Often ornately designed, the contents needed regular handwashing and polishing.

Tablekraft's marketing manager, Julie Vajda, says while cutlery sets still feature on bridal registries, easily maintained and classically designed pieces are popular.

"There is a swing towards a contemporary look which is in line with the explosion in cooking shows and bringing the restaurant look into the home," Julie says. "People have stepped away from that really formal cutlery set."

Those who use traditional cutlery are teaming

it with mix-and-match dinner sets to create a more eclectic look.

Whatever style, stainless steel is the material of choice because of its strength and easy care.

Some cutlery designers, such as William Welch from Studio William, have gone a step further.

"He has designed these beautiful pieces that balance well in your hand," Julie says.

"He has aligned himself with chefs from Michelin-star restaurants where they talk about the palate and he has found that by narrowing the fork down, you can place the food on a certain part of the tongue for maximum flavour." ■

Robyn Willis



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The timeless style of the Laguiole French cutlery dates back to the 1850s. **Laguiole** \$68.95 (six-piece knife and fork sets) from VGM, 9997 3420



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Make everyday dining feel like an occasion with this stylish but functional set of cutlery. **Tablekraft impulse** \$14.95 (per piece), from Tomkin, tomkin.com.au



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Your guests will feel very special using this slim, elegant cutlery. **Karri by Studio William** \$549 (36-piece set), from Studio William, studiowilliam.com.au

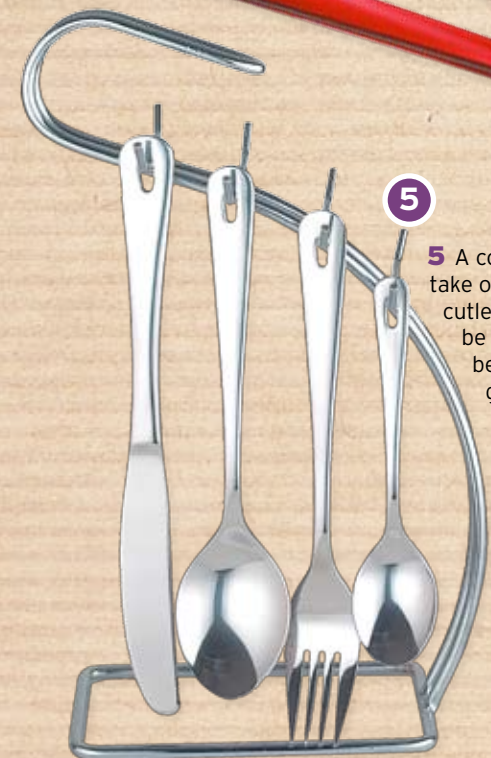


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Add a bit of pizzazz to your dinner table with this colourful set. **Pizazz** \$59.95 (16-piece boxed set), from Maxwell Williams, maxwellwilliams.com.au

Stored in a bamboo block, this hanging set of cutlery is a piece of art as well as being functional. **Mango hanging cutlery by Studio William** \$249, (24-piece set) from Studio William, studiowilliam.com.au

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A contemporary take on the hanging cutlery that used to be on every kitchen bench, this set will look great for years to come. **Tablekraft Capri hanging set** \$79.95 (24-piece set) from Tomkin, tomkin.com.au



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This sweet cutlery set for children is made from quality stainless steel and is dishwasher safe. **Polka Dot Cutlery set by Rex** \$24.95, from Lark, larkmade.com.au