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Best Dinnerware Sets of 2024

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The best dinnerware sets make it possible to serve delicious meals to friends and family. Dinnerware is a very personal choice. Each individual has their preferences regarding materials, colors or patterns, and even the ideal dish sizes. For example, the right set for a family with young children might look very different from that of an individual looking to host elegant dinner parties.

Our list of the best dinnerware sets includes a wide assortment of options to help individuals find the set that best matches their needs, whether it be for everyday use, outdoor dining, or hosting formal dinners.

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Best Overall

Fable Base Dinnerware Set »




PROS:

- ✓ Several color options available
- ✓ Set includes 16 pieces

CONS:

- ✗ Pricey
- ✗ No mugs are included

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-  Dishwasher-, microwave-, and oven-safe

The Fable Base Dinnerware Set earns our recommendation for the best overall dinnerware set. Fable’s sets are designed in Vancouver, Canada, and hand-finished in Portugal in a zero-waste ceramics facility. Since they’re hand-finished, each set is one of a kind. Beyond the attractive design, we also like that this stoneware set includes 16 pieces, as many sets just include 12. You’ll get four dinner plates, four salad plates, four pasta bowls, and four breakfast bowls.

The Fable Base Dinnerware Set is dishwasher-, microwave-, and oven-safe (up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit). It’s available in seven different colors, including White, Midnight Blue, Blush Pink, Desert Taupe, Dove Gray, Beachgrass Green, and Speckled White. Fable offers a 30-day trial with each set and free shipping for orders costing more than \$250.

Specs:

List Price:	\$296
Material:	Stoneware
Number of Settings:	4
Included Pieces:	Dinner plates (10.75 in.), salad plates (8.75 in.), 26-oz pasta bowls (8.5 in.), 20-oz breakfast bowls (6.5 in.)

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Best Budget

Corelle Winter Frost White 12-Piece Dinnerwar...



PROS:

- ✓ Relatively inexpensive
- ✓ Resists cracks and chips
- ✓ Stacks completely for compact storage

CONS:

- ✗ Only available in white
- ✗ Set includes smaller appetizer plates, not salad plates

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This Winter Frost White 12-Piece Dinnerware Set from Corelle costs just \$40, making it the least expensive option on our list. The set includes settings for four people with dinner plates, appetizer plates, and cereal bowls. Aside from being budget-friendly, this set may also be a good option for those with more limited storage space since the bowls and plates can be stacked, reducing the amount of room they'll need in your kitchen cabinets.

Corelle is a brand known for its durability. The plates and bowls in the set are made from a special triple-layer glass that's chip- and crack-resistant.

Despite their durability, each piece is lightweight and easy to hold or carry. The glass material is also nonporous and easy to clean in the dishwasher. If desired, this set can be used in a microwave or a preheated oven.

Specs:

List Price:	\$40
Material:	Glass
Number of Settings:	4
Included Pieces:	Dinner plates (10.25 in.), appetizer plates (6.75 in.), 18-oz cereal bowls (6.25 in.)

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Best for Everyday Use

Fiesta Tableware 12-Piece Bistro Dinnerware S...



PROS:

- ✓ 15 color options available
- ✓ Timeless design
- ✓ Dishwasher-, oven-, and microwave-safe

CONS:

- ✗ Salad plates are on the smaller side
- ✗ Doesn't come with any mugs

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If you're looking for an attractive, functional, and easy-to-clean dinnerware set for everyday use, consider the 12-Piece Bistro Dinnerware Set from Fiesta Tableware. Offering settings for four, this 12-piece set includes four dinner plates, four salad plates, and four bowls. Made in the U.S., the set features a durable [ceramic](#) material blended from clay, feldspar, silica, and alumina.

This dinnerware is dishwasher-safe, which helps cut down cleanup time after a meal. The pieces in this set are also microwave- and oven-safe, adding to their versatility. Fiesta Tableware offers a wide assortment of solid color options for this set, which helps individuals find the right fit for their preferences and home decor. Aside from classic white, a few of the other colors are vibrant options like Turquoise, Twilight, Jade, Sunflower, Scarlet, and Peony.

Specs:

List Price:	\$139.99
Material:	Ceramic
Number of Settings:	4
Included Pieces:	Dinner plates (10.5 in.), salad plates (7.25 in.), 22-oz bowls

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Best for Formal Occasions

Noritake Brocato 12-Piece Set »



PROS:

- ✓ Elegant design
- ✓ Made of durable bone china
- ✓ Dishwasher-safe

CONS:

- ✗ Expensive
- ✗ Not oven-safe

[Buy From Noritake](#)

The Noritake Brocato 12-Piece Set might be the ideal choice if you're hosting formal dinner parties or events. This set, which is made from bone china, includes 12 pieces: four dinner plates, four salad plates, and four bowls. Its ornate design, featuring a lacey border and platinum band, will add a touch of elegance to any dinner table.

Despite the more delicate appearance, the set is durable enough to withstand daily use. The bone china material is dishwasher-safe to allow for easier cleanup. However, these plates and bowls shouldn't be used in the [microwave](#) or oven.

Specs:

List Price:	\$652
Material:	Bone china
Number of Settings:	4
Included Pieces:	Dinner plates (10.75 in.), salad plates (8.75 in.), 12-oz bowls (8.25 in.)

[Buy From Noritake »](#)

Best for Outdoor Use

Frontgate Farah Melamine 12-Piece Dinnerwar...

**PROS:**

- ✓ Durable and scratch-resistant material
- ✓ Top-rack dishwasher-safe
- ✓ Suitable for indoor or outdoor use

CONS:

- ✗ Not microwave-, freezer-, or oven-safe
- ✗ Shouldn't use with sharp knives (may scratch the surface)

[Buy From Frontgate](#)

Dine outdoors in style with the Frontgate Farah Melamine 12-Piece Dinnerware Set. The durable melamine material – a type of resin – is break-, scratch-, and chip-resistant, making this an ideal set to use when dining out on a deck or patio. The 100% melamine pieces are bisphenol-A-free (BPA-free) and top-rack dishwasher-safe. However, the manufacturer cautions against cutting on the plates or bowls with a sharp knife or placing them in the freezer, oven, or microwave. Such actions could damage the set.

The Frontgate Farah Melamine 12-Piece Dinnerware Set includes service for four people with dinner plates, salad plates, and bowls. Drawing inspiration from Argentinian design, the pieces feature an intricate geometric pattern in

vibrant shades of blue, green, and brown, adding aesthetic appeal to your indoor or outdoor dining table.

Specs:

List Price: \$169

Material: Melamine

Number of Settings: 4

Included Pieces: Dinner plates (10.5 in.), salad plates (8.5 in.), bowls (8 in.)

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Best for Style

Mikasa Talia Blue 16-Piece Dinnerware Set »



PROS:

- ✔ Striking blue and bronze coloring
- ✔ Microwave- and dishwasher-safe
- ✔ Set includes mugs

CONS:

- ✘ Not oven-safe
- ✘ May be some variations due to the handmade nature

Buy From Mikasa

The Mikasa Talia Blue 16-Piece Dinnerware Set offers a sleek and attractive modern look that will capture the attention of your guests. Each deep blue stoneware piece features a metallic bronze band and a reactive glaze. The reactive glaze is handcrafted, which means that each piece will be unique (and that there could be some slight variations between pieces).

This set includes 16 pieces, with four each of dinner plates, salad plates, bowls, and mugs. Each piece is microwave-safe, so you can use them to reheat leftover food. The pieces are also dishwasher-safe, helping to cut down cleanup time after a meal.

Specs:

List Price:	\$158
Material:	Stoneware
Number of Settings:	4
Included Pieces:	Dinner plates (10.5 in.), salad plates (8 in.), 16-oz bowls, 12-oz mugs

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The Bottom Line

We chose the Fable Base Dinnerware Set as our best overall pick. Several things stand out about this set, including the fact that it includes 16 pieces (with two different plate and bowl sizes) and offers a modern look with several different color options. Plus, the plates and bowls are durable and dishwasher-, microwave-, and oven-safe, making them a good choice for many lifestyles. However, since dinnerware sets aren't a one-size-fits-all purchase, your budget, material, or design preferences may make one of the other sets on our list a better fit for your needs.

Things To Consider When Buying Dinnerware Sets

Material: Before getting too deep into your search for a new dinnerware set, decide on which material you prefer. You can find dinnerware sets made from a variety of materials including stoneware, porcelain, ceramic, bone china, fine china, glass, and melamine. Each material has its own set of pros and cons that you'll want to consider to help you make the right decision.

Noz Nozawa, an interior designer and founder of [Noz Design](#), says, "Anything ceramic or porcelain is great. Porcelain has this reputation for being delicate and precious, but many porcelain dinnerware sets are actually microwave- and dishwasher-safe! Sure they're often more expensive, but I really like everyday luxuries like eating off your nice dishes." She adds, "Ceramic, though, is a great practical alternative, which is often thicker and chunkier per unit, making them feel less fragile."

If you're looking for a dinnerware set for outdoor dining, you might want to consider melamine or plastic that won't break if dropped on the deck or patio. On the other hand, if you're searching for something for special occasions rather than daily use, you might decide that an elegant fine china or bone china set is the right fit.

Number of Settings: Paying attention to the number of settings included with each set is important. Keep in mind that the total number of pieces in the set isn't the

same as the number of settings. For example, a 12-piece and a 16-piece set could both have four settings, one set would just have three different types of pieces (plates, bowls, mugs, etc.) and the other would have four.

In many cases, if you're looking to purchase more than four settings, you'll need to purchase more than one set. Corrie Duffy, a chef and food blogger at [Corrie Cooks](#), explains that "The ideal number of settings depends on your lifestyle." Duffy recommends considering your "family size and storage space when making your decision." Also, account for the possibility of a few broken dishes over the years and purchase enough to have some extras.

Included Pieces: Beyond the number of settings included with each dinnerware set, consider the specific pieces that it contains. While most sets will include a mix of plates and bowls, the quantity of each will vary between sets. Think about how many different plates and/or bowls you want and the sizes and styles of each that you prefer. Some dinnerware sets include cups and saucers or mugs. If these are pieces you want to use, then you might wish to prioritize finding a set that comes with them.

As you compare the different pieces included in each set, take note that the size of each plate or bowl may also vary. Look at the diameter of each dinner, salad, or appetizer plate to confirm that it matches your needs. You can also check the capacity of the bowls or mugs to make sure that they're sufficient.

Nozawa of Noz Design shares a related tip. She says, "The most practical advice I can give to anyone before you start shopping is to measure the interior depth of the cabinet or drawer you are going to store your plates in! Some above-counter cabinets are pretty shallow, and I have broken my own heart buying dinner plates that were too large to fit where I wanted them to go!"

Design: You're going to be using the dinnerware set you choose for years to come. You'll be looking at the plates on a daily, or at least near-daily, basis, so it's important to choose a design that you find attractive. "I like to think about what I like in a dinnerware set's design, both with food and without food. I've learned for myself that I don't love food being served on certain colors, and that now informs what I look for when buying new dinnerware," says Nozawa.

As you're choosing a design, consider the decor of your kitchen or dining room and look for a set that will look like it belongs in the space. You can experiment with

brighter colors if they match your preferences, but there's nothing wrong with choosing a more neutral color or pattern and letting the food you serve be the true star of the show.

Beyond the colors and patterns of each piece, also consider the design of each plate or bowl. Do you prefer pieces with a rim or a lip? Would you like square plates instead of round ones? Use these and other similar questions to guide you in choosing the right set.

Care and Maintenance: Consider the care and maintenance recommendations for each dinnerware set and make sure that it matches your lifestyle and preferences. If you want to be able to easily clean up after a meal by washing the dishes in a dishwasher, then prioritize that during your search. The good news is that many materials are dishwasher-safe, including stoneware, porcelain, bone china, and melamine. Of course, you should always verify with the specific recommendations from the manufacturer.

As you shop, look into whether or not each set is microwave- or oven-safe, particularly if you want to be able to use them to reheat leftovers. Additionally, keep in mind the storage suggestions of each manufacturer. For some formal dinnerware sets, it may be best to place felt dividers between plates and bowls to keep them protected.

How We Chose the Best Dinnerware Sets

At U.S. News 360 Reviews, our writer reached out to Noz Nozawa, an interior designer and founder of [Noz Design](#), and Corrie Duffy, a chef and food blogger at [Corrie Cooks](#), for their guidance and insights. Additionally, we considered the recommendations of professional reviewers and looked at ratings and feedback from everyday customers. We also aimed to include sets that fit a range of budgets and that were made from different materials to help each reader find the right match for their needs and preferences.

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FAQ

- What type of dinnerware sets are most durable?**

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- How many settings do I need?**

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- How long do dinnerware sets last?**

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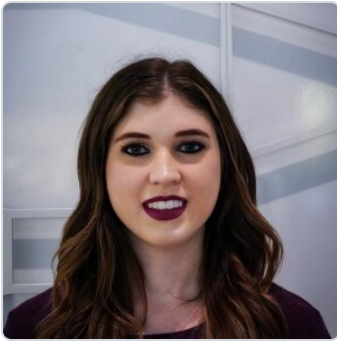
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