Salt and pepper can be set anywhere above the dessert utensils. Place a butter knife, blade facing the diner, atop the bread plate.

Multiple glasses should form a triangle, with the water glass closest to the dinner knife.

The dessert spoon is set above the dessert fork and points left, the opposite direction of the fork.

Utensils are placed in the order they will be used. Always work from the “outside in”.

When dining Continental Style, the table should be set with the fork tines facing downward. When dining American Style, the table should be set with the fork tines facing upward.

The napkin may be either in the center of the plate or to the left of the fork.

Bottoms of all flatware align.

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~William Thourly