

# *Please* **SET THE TABLE**



The *Please Set the Table* packet contains activity sheets and suggestions for teaching children how to set a basic table place setting. Each activity sheet requires students to remember items that are missing from the place settings.

Students can illustrate each place setting differently as long as they include all of the missing items in their proper place.

Napkin Placement Varies - Place the napkin to the left of the plate under the forks, or on top of the plate. You may also choose to place a folded napkin in a drinking glass. Students may draw the napkin design of their choice or they may choose to cut and paste one of the given designs.

Older children may enjoy learning various ways to fold napkins.

View:

Napkin Folding Instructions: 27 Photographed Napkin Folds  
<https://www.napkinfoldingguide.com/>

How to Fold Napkins: 8 Easy (and Impressive) Ways – Naptec Paper  
<https://naptecpaper.com/blogs/news/how-to-fold-napkins-8-easy-and-impressive-ways>

Older students may wish to learn how to set more formal place settings. You can find information about these at:

<https://emilypost.com/advice/table-setting-guides>.

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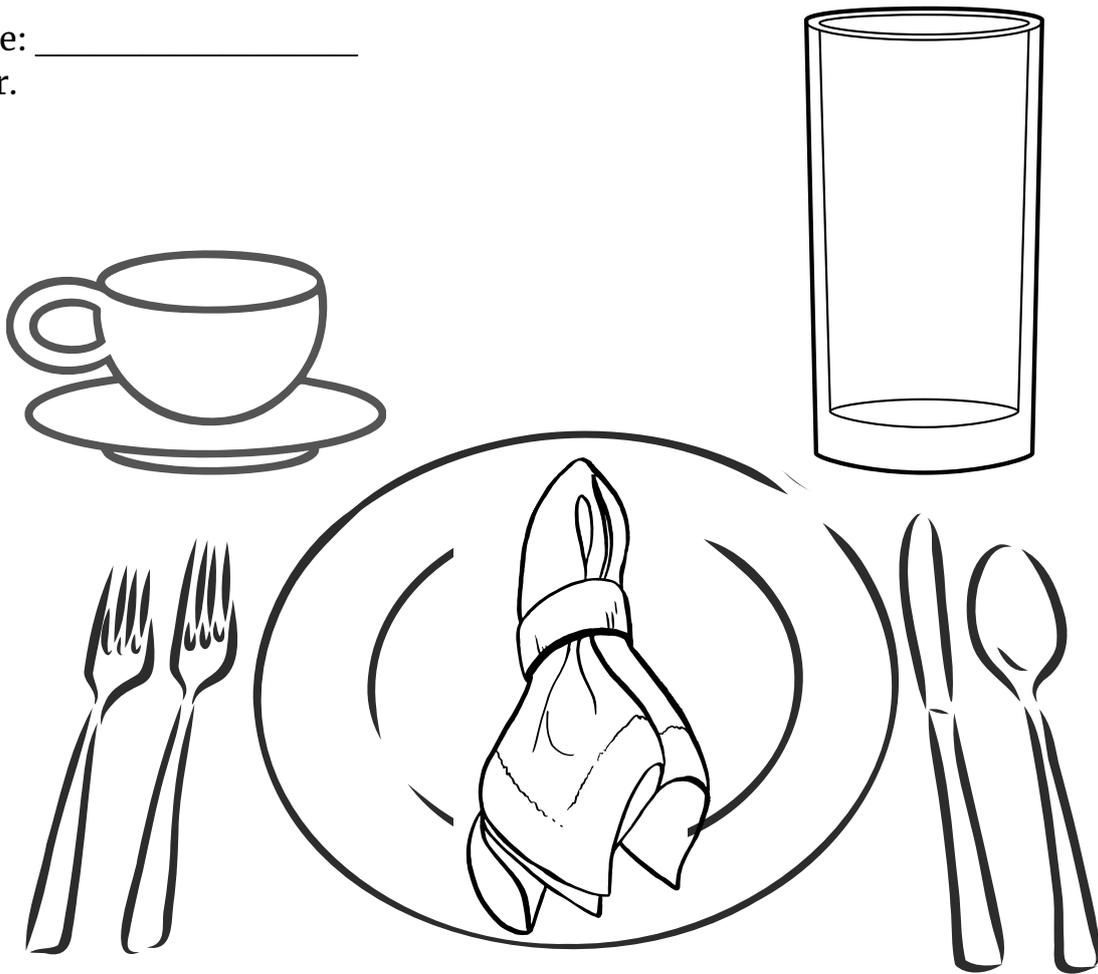
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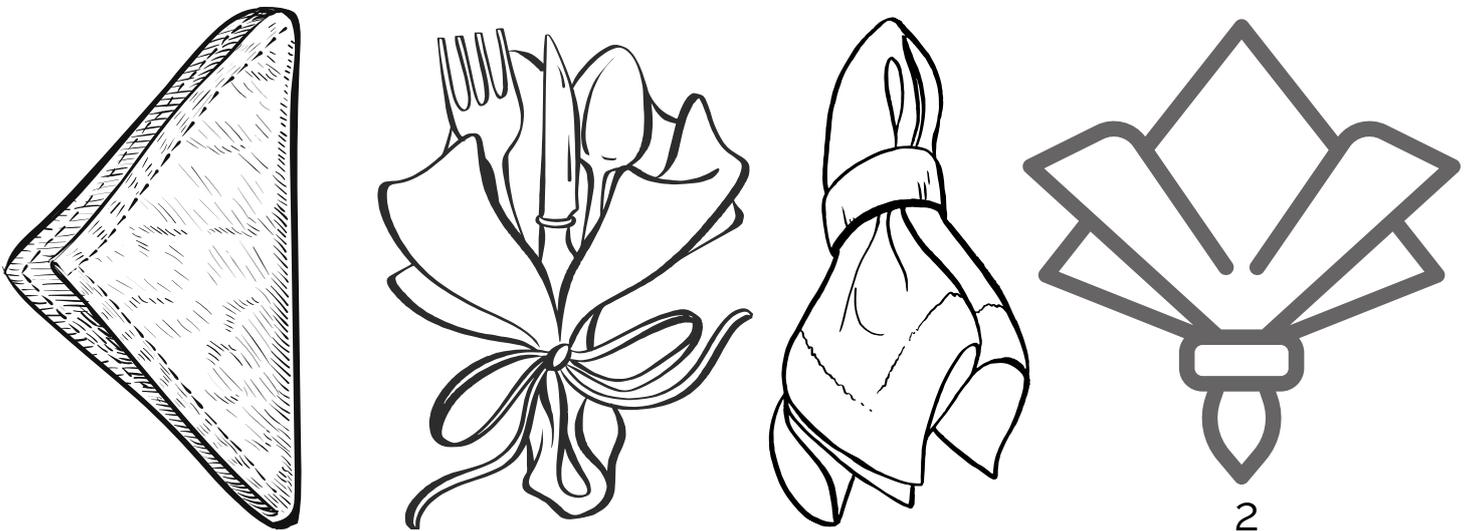
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Color.



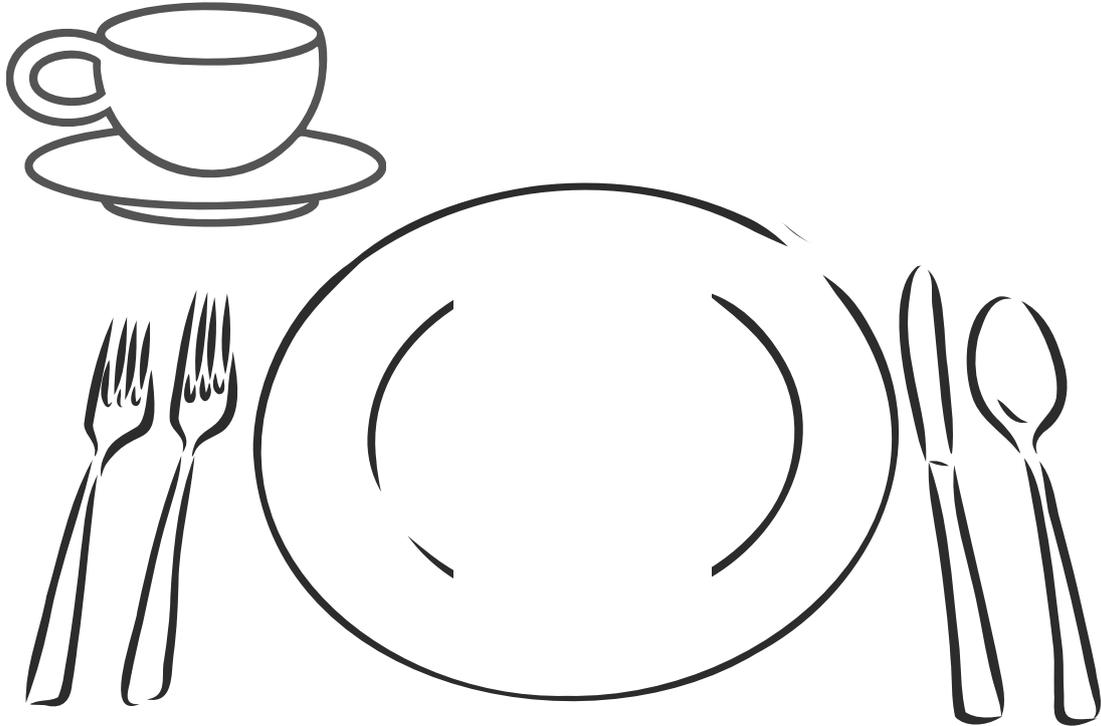
Color the napkins. Napkins may be placed under the forks, in the center of the plate, or even in the glass.



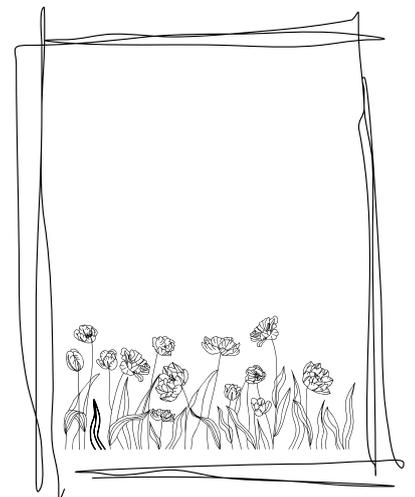
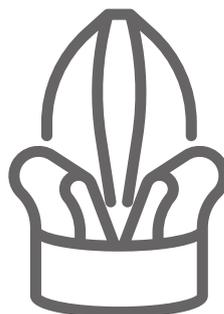
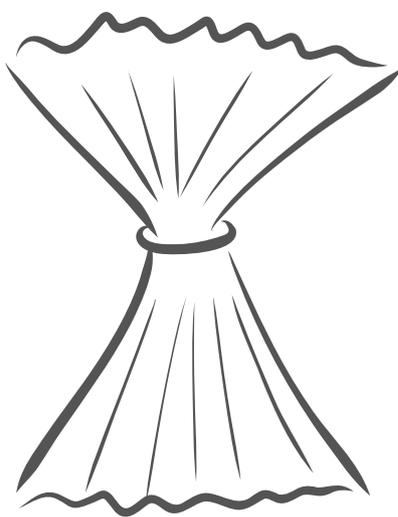
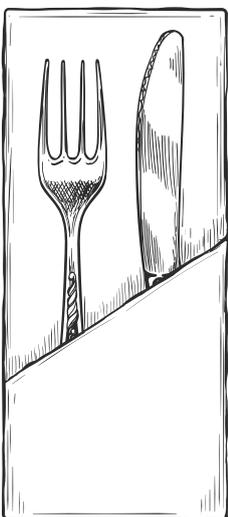
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Draw the missing piece.



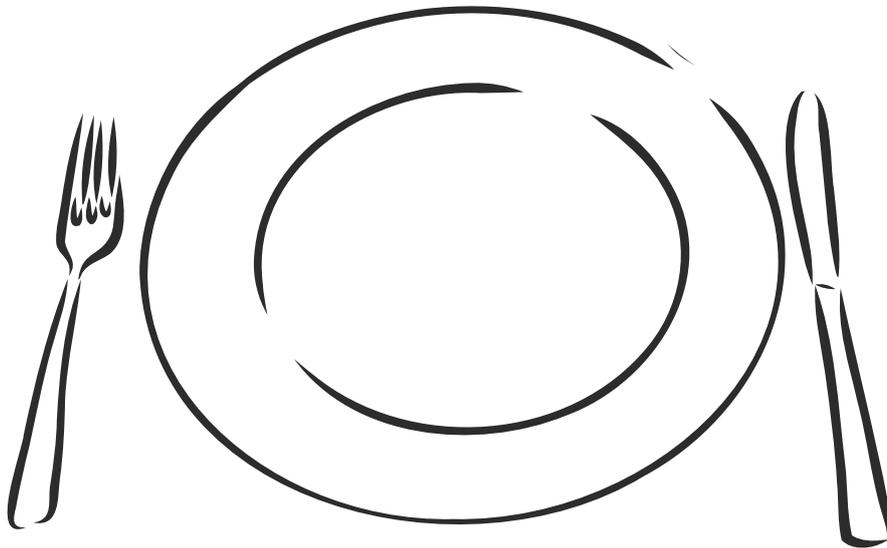
Which napkin will you use in your place setting? Draw it, cut-and-paste it, or draw a line from the napkin to where you'd place it in the table setting.



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Draw the missing objects.

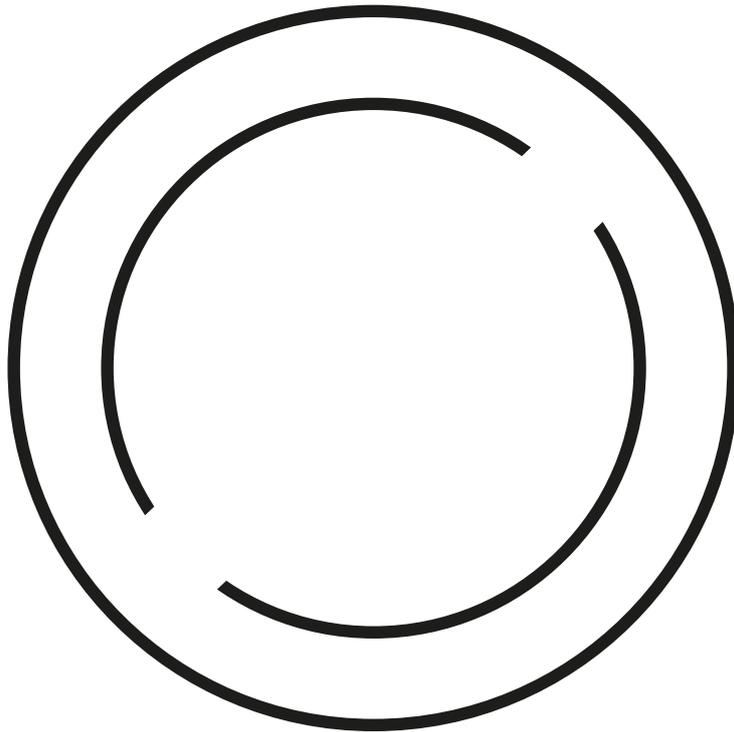


Don't forget the napkin!

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What foods would you like to see on this plate?

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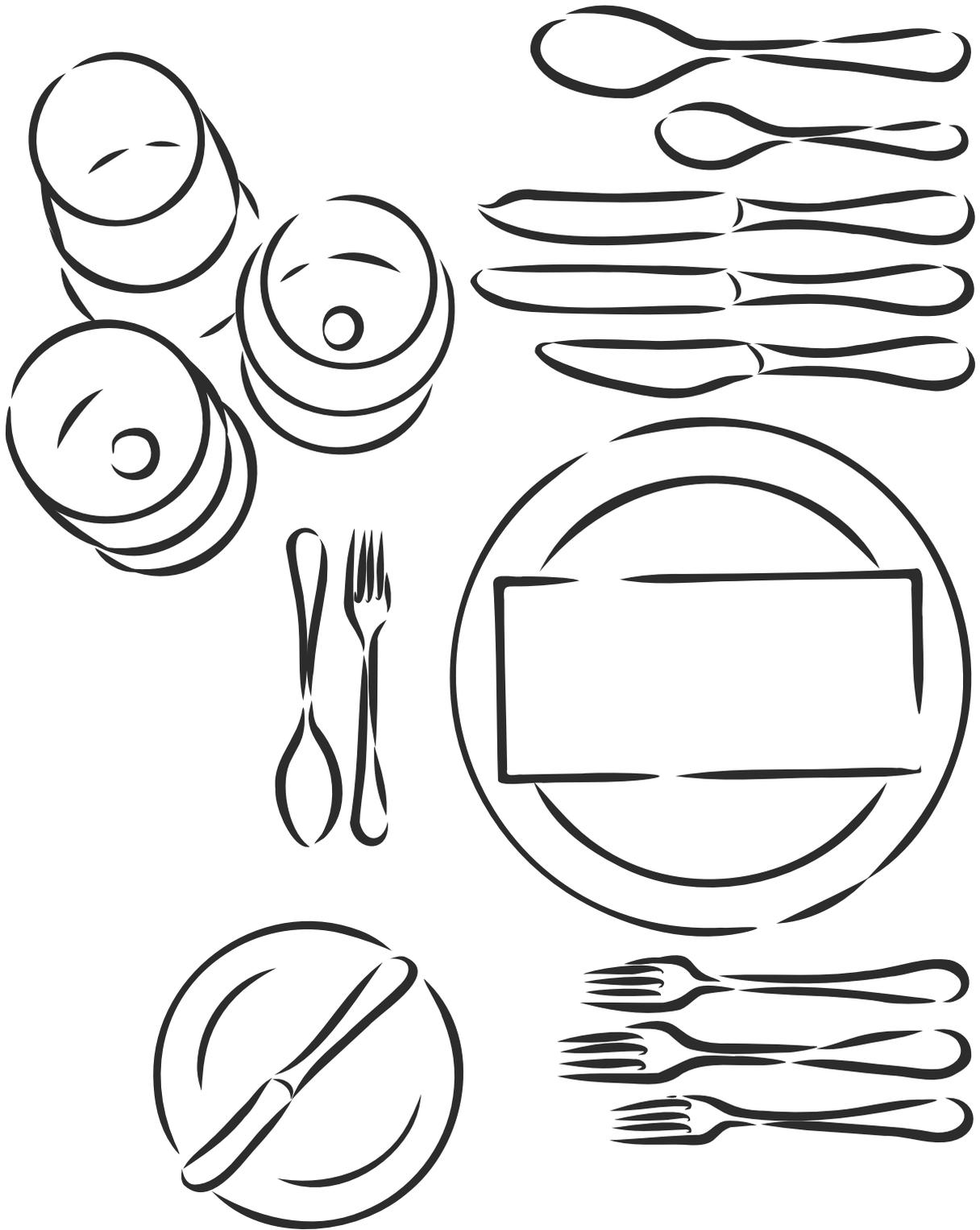
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BONUS PAGE

*Fancy-Schmancy Place Setting for You to Color*



## *Additional Activities*

- Gather a real plate, dinner fork, salad fork, spoon, butter knife, drinking glass, coffee cup (and saucer if you have one), and a napkin. Or, use all paper products if necessary. Allow students to practice setting the table with a basic place setting.
- Make placemats. You'll find several kid-friendly ideas on Sally Matheny's Pinterest Board "Crafts for Kids Ages 2-12"  
<https://www.pinterest.com/sallymatheny/crafts-for-kids-ages-2-12/>
- Ask students to invite a few friends or a family over for dinner. Include them in planning and preparing a simple meal. Ask the student to set the table with the basic place settings. What else do they think would make the table look nice?
- Before guests arrive, role-play various scenarios between guests and hosts. Practice handling situations that children may find challenging. For example, what should you do if someone drops food off their plate or needs to remove food from their mouth?
- Take this opportunity to talk about and practice table manners.
- Consider hosting a tea party!