

## REGISTRY ESSENTIALS

The following lists are intended to spark ideas and keep you from forgetting some of what I consider to be essentials. No one needs everything on the list, and some items overlap in their functions—you probably don't, for example, need both an indoor grill and a panini maker.

### FORMAL TABLE SETTING

- Dinner plates
- Salad plates
- Bread plates
- Cups and saucers
- Mugs
- Chargers
- Soup bowls
- Teapot
- Coffeepot
- Sugar bowl and creamer
- Gravy boat
- Covered serving dishes
- Serving bowl
- Serving platter
- Soup tureen



### CASUAL DINNERWARE

- Dinner plates
- Salad plates
- Bread plates
- Cups and saucers
- Mugs
- Pasta bowls
- Cereal bowls
- Rice bowls
- Platters
- Covered serving dishes
- Pitcher
- Buffet-size plates

### FORMAL GLASSWARE

- Water goblets
- Wineglasses for white wine
- Wineglasses for red wine
- Champagne flutes
- Footed sherbet bowls or another dessert bowl

### EVERYDAY GLASSWARE

- Water glasses/tumblers
- Juice glasses
- Stemless wineglasses

### BARWARE

- Highball glasses
- Double old-fashioned glasses
- Martini glasses
- Margarita glasses
- Pilsner glasses
- Cordial glasses
- Brandy snifters
- Cocktail shaker
- Ice bucket and tongs
- Margarita pitcher
- Corkscrew
- Wine bucket or wine cooler
- Compact wine refrigerator

### FORMAL FLATWARE

- Dinner forks
- Dinner knives

- Teaspoons
- Salad forks
- Place spoons (aka tablespoons)
- Soup spoons
- Steak knives
- Butter knives
- Cocktail forks
- Fish forks
- Fish knives
- Iced-tea spoons
- Demitasse spoons
- Serving spoons
- Pierced tablespoon(s) for serving
- Serving forks
- Salad servers
- Cake server
- Ladle
- Sugar bowl spoon
- Sugar tongs

### EVERYDAY FLATWARE

- Dinner forks
- Dinner knives
- Teaspoons
- Salad forks
- Place spoons (aka tablespoons)
- Pierced tablespoon(s) for serving
- Steak knives
- Iced-tea spoons
- Salad servers
- Serving fork

- Cake server
- Ladle

**MISCELLANEOUS  
ENTERTAINING ITEMS**

- Salt and pepper shakers
- Platters
- Serving bowls
- Condiment dishes
- Salad bowl
- Bread dish
- Pitcher
- Electric warming tray
- Butter dish
- Cheese knives

**TABLE LINENS**

- Tablecloths
- Dinner napkins
- Cocktail napkins
- Everyday place mats
- Table runner

**BATH LINENS AND  
BATHROOM ACCESSORIES**

- Washcloths
- Hand towels
- Bath towels
- Bath sheets
- Bath mats
- Guest towels
- Shower curtain
- His-and-hers robes
- Bathroom scale
- His-and-hers power toothbrushes



**BED LINENS**

- Fitted sheets
- Flat sheets
- Pillowcases
- Pillow shams
- Pillows
- Comforter
- Duvet cover
- Blankets
- Bed skirt
- Mattress pad

**POTS AND PANS**

- Saucepans
- Covered sauté pan
- Skillets
- Omelet pan
- Stockpot
- Roasting pan
- Roasting rack
- Dutch oven
- Double broiler
- Steamer basket
- Griddle
- Teakettle
- Electric skillet

**CUTLERY**

- Serrated knife
- Eight-inch chef's knife
- Paring knife
- Carving set
- Honing steel
- Knife block
- Electric knife

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**

- Microwave oven
- Toaster
- Coffeemaker
- Food processor
- Colander
- Wire whisks
- Wooden spoons
- Assorted spatulas
- Countertop oven
- Countertop convection oven
- Stand mixer
- Hand blender
- Blender/smoothie maker
- Crock-Pot
- Waffle iron
- Cappuccino maker
- Pod coffeemaker
- Juicer or juice extractor
- Fondue set
- Kitchen scale
- Indoor grill
- Panini maker
- Ice cream maker
- Rice cooker
- Pressure cooker
- Cheese grater
- Mandolin
- Cutting boards
- Pizza stone
- Cheese slicer
- Ladle
- Ice cream scoop
- Garlic press
- Mortar and pestle

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- Tongs
- Slotted spoons
- Cookbooks

**BAKEWARE**

- Half-sheet pan (aka baking sheet)
- Cookie sheet
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Set of mixing bowls
- Cake pans
- Pie dish
- Tart pan
- Loaf pan
- Muffin tin
- Cooling rack
- Rolling pin
- Jelly roll pan

**TOOLS**

- Tool kit
- Phillips head screwdriver
- Flat-head screwdriver
- Needle-nose pliers
- Power screwdriver
- Drill

**DECORATIVE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

- End tables
- Area rugs
- Recliners
- Candlesticks
- Cake stand
- Serving trays
- Breakfast-in-bed tray
- Vases
- Urns
- Clocks
- Lamps
- Picture frames
- Artwork
- Photo albums
- Throw pillows
- Throw for sofa
- Storage chest



**ELECTRONICS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

- Flat-screen television set
- Stereo
- Digital camcorder
- Camera or digital camera
- DVD player
- MP3 players

- Speakers/docking station for MP3 player
- Boxed DVD sets
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- Home exercise equipment
- Coffee-table books

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Luggage
- Iron
- Vacuum cleaner
- Handheld vacuum cleaner
- Fireplace tools
- Air purifier

**OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING**

- Patio furniture
- Outdoor dishes, glasses, serving dishes
- Grill, gas or charcoal
- Decorative planters
- Stand umbrella