

Edwardian oak canteen of cutlery

£145



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Height: 14 cm (5.5")

Width: 44 cm (17.3")

Depth: 33 cm (13")

Description

An Edwardian oak canteen of silver plate cutlery and knives, circa 1910.

Cutlery canteens, sets of knives, forks, spoons, and sometimes specialised utensils, have a rich history. Originating in Europe during the 17th century, wealthy families began storing utensils in decorative boxes, often made of wood or silver. These early canteens reflected status and craftsmanship, with handles crafted from ivory, bone, or precious metals. By the 18th and 19th centuries, canteens became more standardised, designed for practical use and travel.

The Industrial Revolution made cutlery sets more affordable, spreading their use across middle-class households. Today, cutlery canteens range from elegant heirlooms to functional stainless-steel sets, continuing a centuries-old tradition of organised dining tools.

Contents

- 12 large knives
- 12 large forks
- 12 desert spoons
- 11 desert forks
- 4 serving spoons
- 1 mustard spoon
- 2 knife rests
- 2 carving knives
- 1 carving fork
- 1 steel