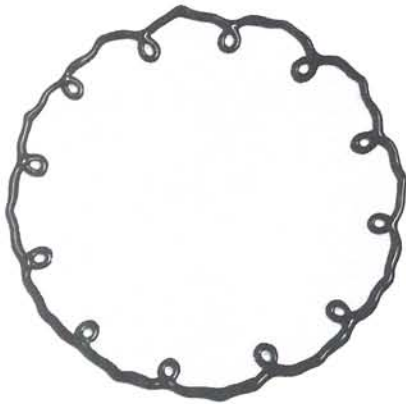


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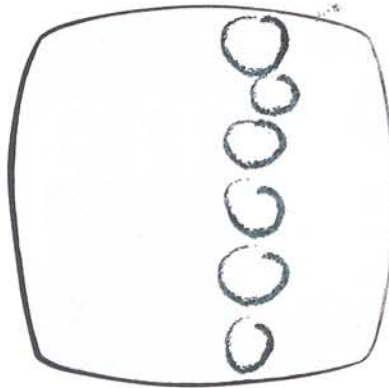
diningroom

Just about everything to do with eating is popular today: Cooking is hot, going out to restaurants is hot, getting gourmet food at your local upscale super market is hot. The only thing that isn't so hot is the American household dining room, often the least-used, most-misunderstood room in the home. Well, actually, it is used, it's just that it's used for everything but dining. No matter. On the following pages we dauntlessly offer up a full-course meal of dining room selections, from soup to nuts (actually from dinnerware to rugs, but you get the picture).



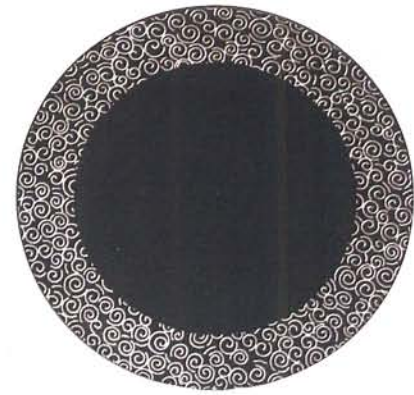
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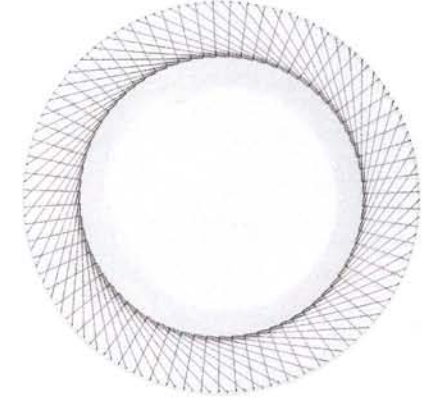
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Let's get the meal started with this juicy bon mot: "No animal

should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation." That's from

writer Fran Lebowitz, but frankly we've been part of some dining room table conversations where we wished our faithful dog was a