

Fall/Winter 2015

Cutlery set



Nome / Name: Rundes Modell

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Designer: Josef Hoffman 2000 (1906)

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Product description

Designed by Josef Hoffmann in 1906, the "Rundes Modell" Cutlery (1) fully respected the design guidelines of the Wiener Werkstätte, of which the designer was one of the founders: functionality and practicality together with the refined processing of the materials. Although some of his contemporaries had doubts over the practicality of this Cutlery - the transversal concavity of the spoon bowl was particularly controversial - these were dispelled by those that actually used them. These included the customers of Cabaret Fledermaus, whose interior design, including the laying of the tables, was overseen by Wiener Werkstätte. A look at the most recent designer cutlery shows just how influential the "Rundes Modell" have been on many designers that have worked in this area. In 2000 Alessi reissued a version of this historic service in 18/10 stainless steel. Now out of production, in 2015 Alessi unveils a new version with a reduced assortment compared with the original service: Fork, Knife and Spoon for place settings (2); Fork and Knife for fruit (3); Tea and Mocha spoons (4); Fish knife and Fork (5). The place setting Spoon comes in two versions: the original designed by Hoffmann with the side-on bowl (2A), and the version with the bowl coaxial to the handle (2B) produced by Alessi for the first reissuing of the set in 2000 with consultancy by Elisabeth Schmuttermeier, curator of the MAK in Vienna (6), the museum that houses the Wiener Werkstätte archives.



Technical notes

JH01 Cutlery set in 18/10 stainless steel.

JH01/1 Table spoon. Dimensions: cm 21.5 / 8½"

JH01/1 H Table spoon, original. Dimensions: cm 21 / 8¼"

JH01/2 Table fork. Dimensions: cm 21.5 / 8½"

JH01/3 Table knife. Dimensions: cm 21.5 / 8½"

JH01/5 Dessert fork. Dimensions: cm 18 / 7"

JH01/6 Dessert knife. Dimensions: cm 18 / 7"

JH01/7 Tea spoon. Dimensions: cm 14 / 5½"

JH01/9 Mocha coffee spoon. Dimensions: cm 10 / 4"

JH01/17 Fish fork. Dimensions: cm 19 / 7½"

JH01/18 Fish knife. Dimensions: cm 19 / 7½"

Additional project notes

Originally designed for the Cabaret Fledermaus in Vienna and produced by the Wiener Werstaette, the "Rundes Modell" is one of the cutlery projects that left its imprint on the twentieth century. Created in 1906 and in production Alessi since 2000, it had recently gone out of production. I am happy to say that it is available again, following the request by a client to whom we couldn't say no: chef Alain Ducasse, for his refurbished restaurant Louis XV in Monaco.

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