



Christofle Cutlery

Stainless Steel. Silver Plate. Sterling Silver

Christofle flatware is available in Christofle Silver (E.P.N.S), sterling silver, gold rings, Chinese lacquer and stainless steel. The cutlery is that of the Master Silver Smith with a sense of tradition, measure and practicality, as every model is dishwasher safe.

The family owned company was founded by Charles Christofle in the early 1800's and became one of Paris' largest Jewellery and metal smith firms.

In 1842 Christofle bought the rights to a revolutionary new electroplating process that could bond a layer of sterling silver or gold to a metal alloy base transforming ordinary material into objects of lustrous and enduring beauty. With his patent and his insistence on impeccable craftsmanship Christofle became a supplier to the newly rich merchant class that hungered for the trappings of status. The upheavals and wars in Europe during the mid Nineteenth century meant that sterling silver cutlery had all but vanished - literally liquidated - to pay for the wages of war and conflict. Even the tables of Louis Philippe were bare. The King replenished his tables with the new Christofle silver plate. From this time Christofle became supplier to the imperial houses of France and Europe. Christofle created exquisite patterns and designed new utensils that had not existed before the industrial revolution.

