

# LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Set 3-prong hand-forged Rattail antique silver cutlery for 24  
Mappin & Webb

£20,500



## Description

Exceptionally heavy quality, set of three-prong handmade silver Rattail cutlery (flatware) for 24 people and mostly made by Mappin & Webb of London in 1913 unless otherwise indicated.

24 table forks  
24 tablespoons (5 x 1910)  
24 three-pronged dessert forks  
24 dessert spoons (1 x 1895)  
12 teaspoons (1 x 1962; 8 x F Howard, 1986)

1 soup ladle  
1 gravy basting spoon

Since antique knives have rarely survived, this silver cutlery set includes 24 pairs of modern dishwasher-safe knives with silver handles and stainless steel blades.

The original name for this pattern is in fact Hanoverian with Rat Tail but is commonly referred to as Rattail. Hanoverian pattern can be said to be the most important flatware pattern of the 18th century, appearing first in about 1710 and produced into the 1770s. Subsequently it was revived in the late 19th century and is still made today in a number of variations but always with the distinctive rat tail on the back of the spoons and forks. The feature developed in an age when craftsmen made spoons in two pieces joining the bowl and handle together by means of soldering using a tapered tail as additional strength to the joint. In addition, most silversmiths craft a prominent rib down the front of the handle.

This silver flatware service is not available to purchase online. Please get in touch if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.