



## ●●● French Settings

IN 1672, THE SUN KING ORDERED FRENCH NOBLEMEN TO HAND THEIR GOLD AND SILVER TABLEWARE over to the Treasury. What's a marquis to eat on? *Faïence*, or tin-glazed earthenware, was the answer—and the picturesque Provençal village of Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, with its abundance of skilled ceramic artisans, produced coveted examples of the art. Today, *faïence* workshops packed with the intricately hand-painted tableware line the town's narrow streets. Atelier Soleil, with its appealingly whimsical motifs, is one of the town's finest. *Pieces from \$30 to \$230. 011-33-4-92-74-63-05, [www.soleil-deux.fr](http://www.soleil-deux.fr).*