



Part of a Flora & Fauna service comprising of dinner plates, salad plates, soup bowls and side plates



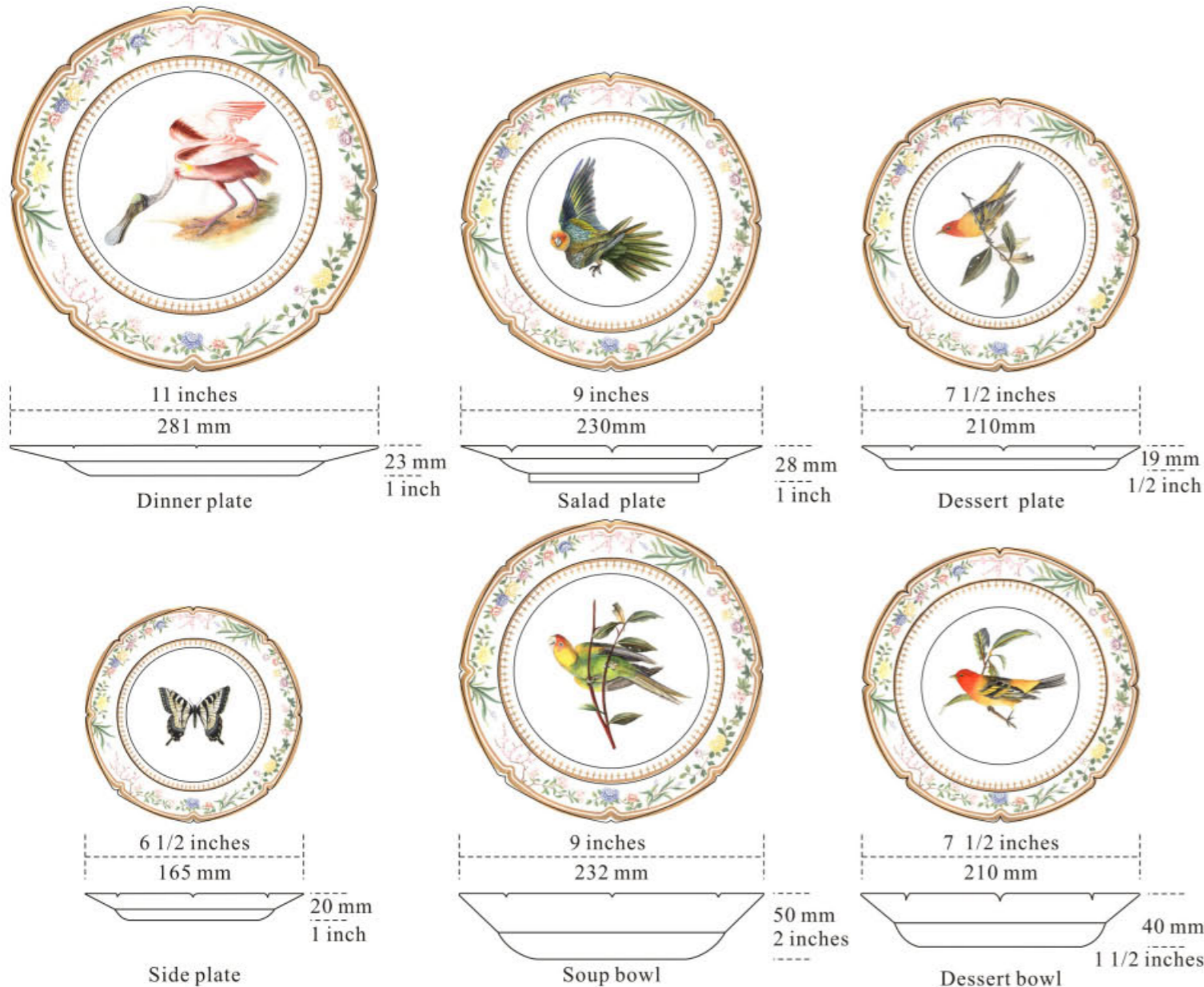
de Gournay
FLORA & FAUNA DINNER SERVICE

FINE HAND PAINTED
HAND THROWN PORCELAIN

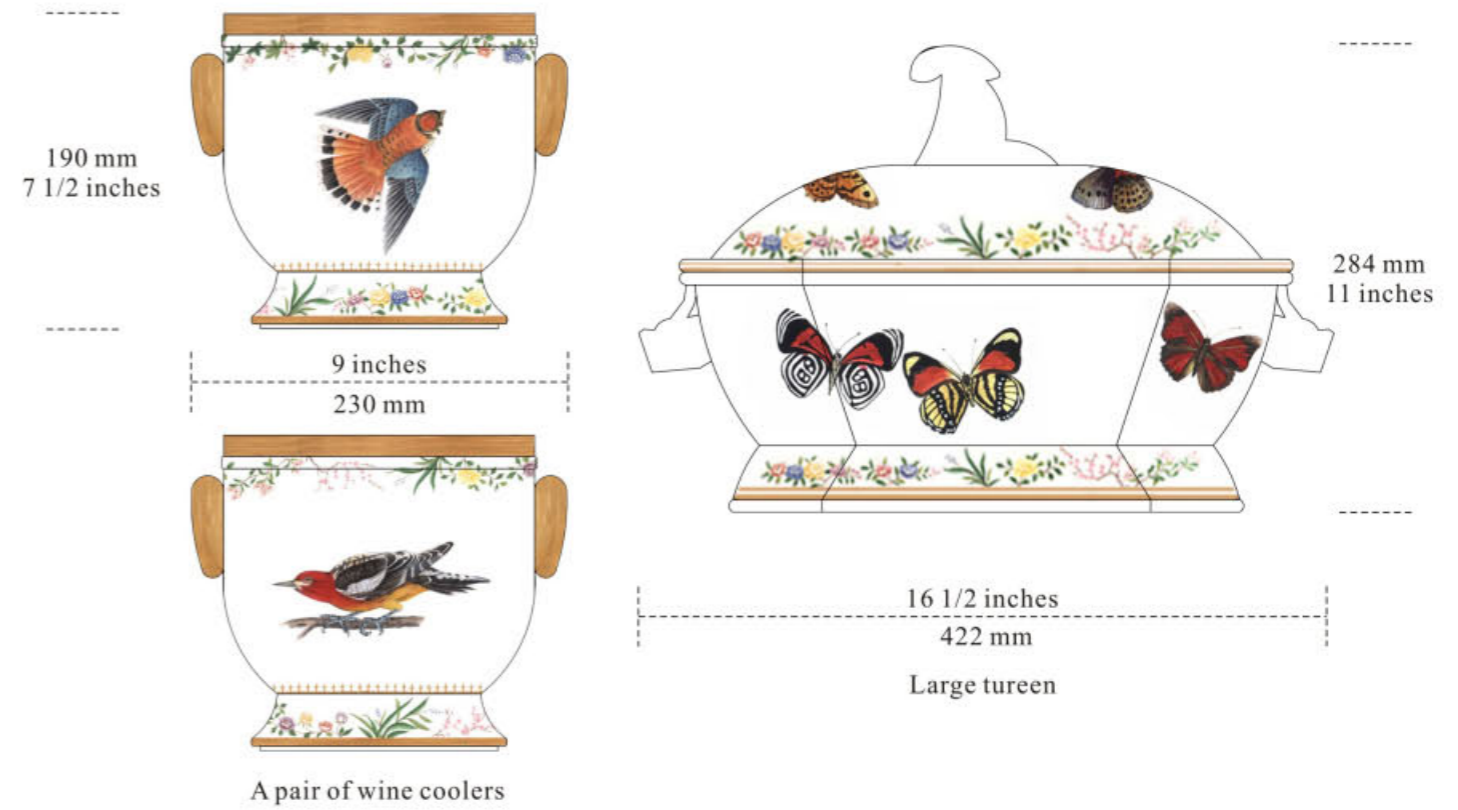
Each de Gournay service is entirely made and decorated by hand using centuries old traditional Oriental porcelain making techniques. Every piece in a service may be considered a work of art while the service viewed as a whole is a unique and all too rare expression of an ancient craft that has survived almost unchanged into the 21st Century and is in danger of being lost forever. Porcelain is very strong and plenty able to withstand the rigors of everyday use while de Gournay use only contemporary dishwasher safe enamels ensuring the product is as practical as it is beautiful.

de Gournay's Flora & Fauna dinner service borrows its beautiful images of birds from the work of the renowned 19th century artists, John Gould and John James Audubon. Painstakingly hand painted reproductions of wonderful birds walk, fly and swoop inside rims decorated with garlands of peonies, leaves and gold gilt. The design on every plate within a service would normally be unique having been chosen by the client from the range of twenty four different bird, butterfly or flower designs available for each different size bowl or plate shape. de Gournay specialise in custom tailoring designs to fit our clients' specific requirements so any additional design requirements can be accommodated.

At the first stage in the order process, de Gournay prepare scale colour design drawings of each porcelain piece being ordered to demonstrate the location of pattern on that shape and to show the effect of any design changes specified. These drawings are sent to the client for comment and if necessary then reworked and represented until approved for production. A typical set of design drawings is illustrated below for one place setting featuring our large dinner plate, salad plate, soup bowl, dessert plate, dessert bowl and side plate. In this case the custom instructions from the client were to specify only the use of birds drawn from Audubon's Birds of America which were local to their home. Other typical changes would be adjustments to the rim colours, omissions of part of the design including on occasion the use of undecorated centers and the incorporation of armorial or personalised motifs.



The client can choose between two different types of plate shape (round and octagonal) and from a wide range of ancillary items in a variety of sizes, including a chocolate pot, tea pot, cream jug, sugar bowl, mugs, tea & espresso cups, serving tureens, punch bowls, wine coolers, sauce boats and many more. For a document on the full range please enquire. The pattern is fitted to and can be customised on any of these shapes in exactly the same way as described above for the flatware as the following Wine Cooler and Tureen drawings examples demonstrate.



Once the design of your service is approved and your order placed, de Gournay will produce as many sample pieces as required to approve custom colour changes, specific colour requests, the glaze colour and the finish chosen before starting work on crafting the service itself. de Gournay's expertise allows clients to specify a range of finish options to achieve either a contemporary or a convincing antique feel or any option between these two. A typical service might take 16 weeks to decorate once the design is agreed upon.

The image below shows the actual pieces in the single setting that resulted from the design drawings illustrated opposite.



one complete flora & fauna table setting