



Porcelain

Iittala uses vitro porcelain, which is a modern, durable porcelain with a slightly off-white shade. All Iittala china is oven, microwave and freezer safe. Do not, however, take a dish straight from the oven and put it into a cold, wet surface or put it on steel. Do not put a dish straight into a hot oven from the freezer.

A dish filled with liquid is not freezer safe, as liquid expands when it freezes. Do not use the dish if it has a crack because in a sudden temperature change the dish can break. And finally if you cook frozen food in the microwave it should be cooked in low-heat.

When in the oven, the bottom of the dish must be completely covered with liquid or food throughout the heating process. It can stand 250 celsius degrees and must be at least 10 cm away from the grill elements. Cool before placing in freezer, do not put in a hot oven directly from the freezer.

As it is mainly knives that are pressed hardest against the surface of plates, the majority of cutlery manufacturers now make serrated knives from tempered steel. (It is not worth making serrated knives from non-tempered stainless steel as the serrated edge would wear down quite quickly.) The stainless steel of cutlery is relatively soft and can cause black spots on the porcelain if pressed hard against the surface of plates. The spots cannot be removed with regular washing, but gently rub a metal scrubbing agent onto the surface. To maintain the durability of the glazed surface, avoid friction while piling the plates.

Freezer safe: Iittala items are freezer safe, but hot dishes and foods should be cooled before placed in the freezer. Similarly frozen dishes should not be placed in a hot oven or microwave oven. Do not freeze liquids as they expand when frozen.

Oven safe: Most Iittala cooking and porcelain items are oven safe up to 250 °C. The base of the dish should be covered with liquid or food while in the oven. The distance to the oven grill should be at least 10 cm. Do not place a hot Iittala dish in the freezer or a cold dish in a hot oven.

Microwave safe: Iittala porcelain and heat-resistant glass items are microwave oven safe and can be used for defrosting, re-heating and cooking in the microwave oven. However, do not defrost frozen porcelain dishes, i.e. dishes with food recently taken out of the freezer, on full effect in the microwave oven.

Dishwasher safe: Iittala products marked with the “dishwasher safe” symbol can be washed in the dishwasher. Place the dishes in the dishwasher so that they do not touch each other during the wash cycle, as that may result in chipping. Fill the dishwasher evenly on both levels. Rinse very dirty dishes before washing them in the dishwasher. Rinsing for example milk glasses before washing in the dishwasher is recommended as dairy products may create a cloudy film on the glass when washed in high temperatures.