

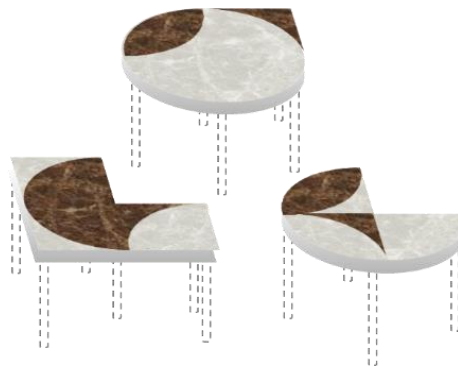
16. Designs for a Set of Articles

By the 2019 revision of the Design Act, not only articles, but also buildings and graphic images, which became subject to protection under the Design Act, can now be included in designs for a set of articles. In addition, where a design registration for part of an article, etc. is requested, it can now also be requested as a design for a set of articles.

Therefore, if two or more articles, buildings or graphic images that are used together are coordinated as a whole, an application for the two or more articles, buildings or graphic images may be filed as a “design for a set of articles.”

In addition, where a design registration is requested for two or more parts of articles, buildings or graphic images, the application may be filed as a “design for a set of articles” if all the parts of the constituent articles, buildings or graphic images for which the design registration is requested have a sense of unity.

Case example: A set of furniture



* For the convenience of explanation, the matters to be stated in the application and any other views are omitted.

16.1 Points to be noted in making statements in the application

In the column of “Article to the Design,” applicants state any of the articles, etc. listed in the Appended Table of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Design Act (Reference 1).

The same rules as in ordinary applications for design registration apply when making statements in “Description of Article to the Design” and “Description of the Design.”

In the case of a building that is a combination of multiple buildings, or in the case of a design for a set of articles that is a combination of a building and an article and/or graphic image, applicants state “a set of buildings” in the column of “Article to the Design.” In the case of a design for a set of articles that is a combination of an article and a graphic image, in the column of “Article to the Design,” applicants state the set of articles in the Appended Table which corresponds to the article. In the case of a design for a set of articles that is a combination of multiple graphic images, applicants state “a set of graphic images” in the column of “Article to the Design” (Reference 2).

(Reference 1)

The Ordinance for Enforcement of the Design Act, Appended Table (Re: Article 8)

1	A set of Processed Foods	23	A set of Athletic Implements
2	A set of Tobacco or other similar articles (including related items)	24	A set of Musical Instruments
3	A set of Clothing	25	A set of Instructional Instruments
4	A set of Personal Belongings	26	A set of Office Equipment
5	A set of Instruments for Beauty Treatment	27	A set of Merchandising Equipment (including Packaging Supplies, Advertising Apparatus or Display Racks etc.)
6	A set of Textiles for Interior Decoration	28	A set of Conveying Equipment
7	A set of Interior Ornaments	29	A set of Transportation Equipment
8	A set of Cleaning Appliances	30	A set of Electronic Appliances or Devices
9	A set of Laundry Appliances	31	A set of Information Processing Appliances
10	A set of Health and Hygiene Articles	32	A set of Measuring Equipment
11	A set of Tableware (Not including a set of Cutlery (Cl.13))	33	A set of Optical Equipment
12	A set of Cooking Articles	34	A set of Office Equipment
13	A set of Cutlery	35	A set of Merchandising Machinery
14	A set of Ceremonial Articles	36	A set of Security Equipment
15	A set of Lighting Apparatus	37	A set of Medical Equipment
16	A set of Air Conditioning Equipment	38	A set of Desktop Instruments or Industrial Tools
17	A set of Kitchen Equipment	39	A set of Industrial Machinery
18	A set of Sanitary Equipment	40	A set of Construction Equipment
19	A set of Storage Articles	41	A set of General Purpose Components or Materials
20	A set of Furniture	42	A set of Buildings
21	A set of Pet Articles	43	A set of Graphic Images
22	A set of Amusement and Entertainment Articles		

Notes

1. Where filing an application for design registration with regard to a set of articles that includes (a) building(s), "A set of Buildings" must be stated in the column of "Article to the Design" of the application.

2. Where filing an application for design registration with regard to a set of articles that includes both (an) article(s) and (a) graphic image(s), the name of the set of articles to which the article(s) belongs must be stated in the column of "Article to the Design" of the application

(Reference 2) Method for selecting the design for a set of articles to include in the column of “Article to the Design”

	Article	Building	Graphic image
Article	A set of ○○ (select from Appended Table 2, prioritizing the main article)		
Building	A set of buildings (prioritize the building)	A set of buildings	
Graphic image	A set of ○○ (select from Appended Table 2, prioritizing the article)	A set of buildings (prioritize the building)	A set of graphic images

16.2 Points to be noted in making statements in drawings, etc.

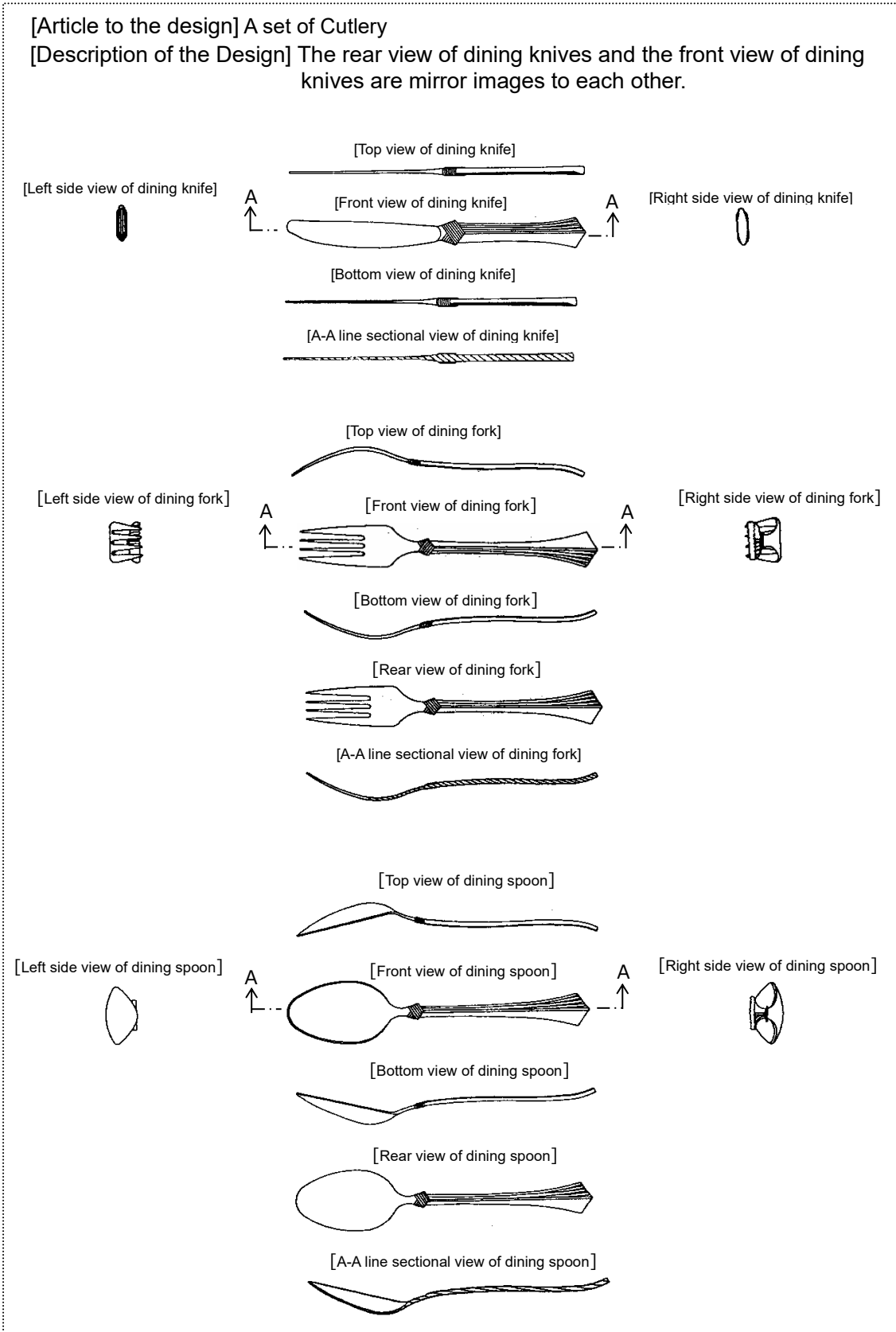
(1) How to depict drawings, etc.

- (i) If the design for a set of articles can be sufficiently represented by showing the individual shapes, etc. of each article, etc. constituting the set of articles, applicants prepare the six views, etc. for each article, etc. constituting the set of articles.
- (ii) If the “design for a set of articles” shows a sense of unity when all articles, etc. are combined, in addition to preparing the six views, etc. for each article, etc. constituting the set of articles, applicants prepare views necessary to sufficiently represent the shape, etc. when all constituent articles, etc. are combined.

(2) Indication of view

- (i) As for indications of view indicating each constituent article, etc., applicants prepare indications of view (“front view of ○○,” “rear view of ○○,” etc.) showing the name of the depicted constituent articles or the usage of the buildings or graphic images (see Part I, Chapter 1, 1.1 (1) “The article to the design, the usage of the building or graphic image to the design”).
- (ii) If articles, etc. to the design of constituent articles, etc. are the same, applicants prepare indications of view in such a way that there is no duplication (e.g. “front view of chair 1” and “front view of chair 2”).
- (iii) When preparing indications of view if a sense of unity is shown when all articles, etc. are combined, applicants state the “set of six views” for the combined state as “front view,” “rear view,” etc., and for each constituent article, etc., state as “front view of ○○,” etc.

<Fig. 3.16-1> Example of statements in drawings depicting only the shape, etc. of each article that constitutes a set of articles



<Fig. 3.16-2> Example of statements in drawings when the shape, etc. in the combined state must also be depicted

[Article to the Design] A set of Tableware

[Description of the Design] This article concerns a set of spice containers, in which a pepper dredger and a salt dredger are placed on a plate, facing each other obliquely. The bottom view of the plate and the top view of the plate are identical to each other.

