

at home



Michael Aram
Sterling Botanical
Leaf Collection (\$140 – \$300).
Bloomingdale's, Stanford Shopping Center, 650.463.2000.

PAR-TEA Time

Celebrate spring by hosting an afternoon tea party. Here, Malik Winslow goes mad as a hatter over versatile tea sets for every occasion and local tea shops that offer decadent loose-leaf blends from around the globe. Pinkies out!



Platinum Band Collection set (\$70 – \$200).
Tiffany & Co., Stanford Shopping Center,
650.328.2552.



Three-Tier Cupcake Stand (\$30) and Nait
Teapot set (\$30 – \$79). Crate & Barrel,
398 Arboretum Road, Palo Alto.



Teroforma Ullu line stoneware
cups (\$65). Spring, 2162 Polk
Street, San Francisco.
www.teroforma.com



Rosanna Inc. Red Dots tea set (\$20 – \$25). www.rosannainc.com ■

Tea Facts:

Measure: For medium-strength tea, use one teaspoon of loose-leaf tea per cup of boiling water.
Brew: Green tea is best when brewed for two minutes, while black teas are at their best after three minutes. Herbal teas can steep as long as you like without going bitter.

Ice: Brew tea normally, but use two teaspoons of tea per cup of water. Then pour over a pitcher filled with ice.

Stock your tea tins at one of these local spots:

- Lisa's Tea Treasures, 1175 Merrill Street, Menlo Park: Drop in for tea accessories or for a sit-down party.
- Mountain View Tea Village, 275 Castro Street, Mountain View: Stop by to check out their huge selection of teapots.
- Tea Time, 542 Ramona Street, Palo Alto: Their Japanese Gen Maicha green tea comes highly recommended.
- Teavana, 3 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto: Sample their flavored Rooibos blends from South Africa.
- The English Rose, 663 Laurel Street, San Carlos: Afternoon tea here is a luxury in itself.