



## TOOLS: LADLES

A ladle is another name for a spoon. Ladles are generally used for serving food or liquids rather than for eating. Because of their special use, the handle on a ladle is usually longer than the handle on a common spoon. Modern ladles are mostly made of metal, usually stainless steel or aluminum. Ladles used for very special or formal occasions, like weddings or parties, may be made of silver or crystal.

Some ladles are used for spices and/or condiments. These types of ladles generally possess shorter handles that are wider than those on common spoons. One of the first clues concerning the use of a ladle is the length of the handle. The longer the handle, the more probable it is that the ladle is used for serving liquids. The shorter the handle, the more probable it is that the ladle is used for condiments, ceremonies, or for decorative purposes.