

# Creative Use Guide: Onyx Rectangular Saucer (Japanese Style)

## Product Specifications

Item	Dimensions	Volume	Case Pack	Item Number
Rectangular Saucer (Japanese Style)	3-7/8" x 2-5/8"	2 oz	8 dozen per case	910-71041

**Material:** Premium Vitrified China and Alumina Body

**Finish:** Handcrafted matte black onyx with scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant surface

**Pattern:** Onyx

## Introduction

The Onyx Rectangular Saucer (Japanese Style) (910-71041) combines traditional Japanese aesthetics with contemporary functionality. Its distinctive raised corners and shallow well create an elegant vessel for a variety of culinary applications. The innovative scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant finish ensures a pristine appearance throughout service while significantly reducing polishing requirements.

# The Japanese Influence

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The Japanese-style rectangular saucer draws inspiration from traditional Japanese ceramics, where form and function are harmoniously balanced. Key design elements include:

- **Raised Corners:** The slightly elevated corners create visual interest and facilitate easy handling
- **Shallow Well:** The subtle depth provides containment while maintaining an open presentation
- **Clean Lines:** The geometric precision reflects Japanese minimalist design principles
- **Balanced Proportions:** The 3-7/8" x 2-5/8" dimensions create a perfect canvas for small portions

## Creative Applications

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### Traditional Japanese Presentations

The authentic Japanese-style design makes this saucer ideal for traditional Japanese culinary applications:

- **Soy Sauce Presentation:** Individual dipping vessels for sushi and sashimi service
- **Wasabi and Ginger Display:** Elegant presentation of traditional sushi accompaniments
- **Sake Service:** Sophisticated vessel for room-temperature sake presentation
- **Amuse-Bouche Delivery:** Single-bite Japanese-inspired starters

### Contemporary Culinary Applications

Beyond traditional Japanese cuisine, this versatile saucer excels in modern culinary contexts:

- **Sauce Presentations:** Individual portions of signature sauces, reductions, or infused oils

- **Salt and Spice Flights:** Curated selections of finishing salts or exotic spices
- **Molecular Gastronomy:** Presentation vessel for foams, spheres, and other molecular creations
- **Petit Four Display:** Elegant service of small confections and mignardises

## Beverage Service Applications

The rectangular saucer enhances beverage service in multiple contexts:

- **Espresso Service:** Sophisticated saucer for demitasse cups
- **Tea Ceremony Elements:** Presentation of tea accompaniments
- **Cocktail Garnish Vessel:** Elegant service of olives, citrus twists, or other cocktail elements
- **Palate Cleanser Presentation:** Between-course refreshers or amuse-bouche

## Signature Plating Techniques

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### Asymmetrical Balance

Embrace the Japanese aesthetic principle of asymmetry to create visually compelling presentations:

1. Position the main element off-center
2. Balance with a smaller element in the opposite corner
3. Leave negative space to create visual tension
4. Add minimal garnish for a finishing touch

### Textural Contrast

Leverage the smooth black surface to highlight textural elements:

1. Place a single textural element as the focal point
2. Contrast smooth sauces against rough or crystalline elements
3. Layer components with varying heights and textures

4. Use the black background to emphasize visual texture

## Geometric Precision

Honor the rectangular form with precisely arranged elements:

1. Align components with the vessel's edges
2. Create parallel or perpendicular arrangements
3. Use precise knife cuts to echo the geometric shape
4. Employ negative space deliberately and intentionally

## Culinary Style Pairings

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The Onyx Rectangular Saucer particularly enhances these culinary styles:

- **Traditional Japanese:** The authentic form honors its cultural origins
- **Contemporary Asian Fusion:** The vessel bridges traditional and modern Asian cuisines
- **Molecular Gastronomy:** The precise geometry complements technical culinary presentations
- **Modern European:** The minimalist aesthetic pairs with refined European techniques

## Seasonal Applications

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### Spring

- Cherry blossom-infused sauces with delicate spring vegetables
- Fresh herb oils with seasonal microgreens
- Citrus-based accompaniments for spring seafood

### Summer

- Chilled cucumber and mint components

- Vibrant fruit coulis and reductions
- Light vinaigrettes with summer herb infusions

## Fall

- Mushroom duxelles and forest-inspired elements
- Spiced fruit compotes and reductions
- Nut-based sauces and garnishes

## Winter

- Rich truffle-infused accompaniments
- Warming spice blends and aromatic components
- Concentrated reductions and glazes

## Non-Traditional Applications

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Beyond culinary service, the Onyx Rectangular Saucer excels in these alternative applications:

- **Retail Display:** Showcase small luxury items or jewelry
- **Hospitality Amenities:** Present room keys, welcome notes, or small gifts
- **Spa Services:** Offer aromatic oils or bath salts
- **Home Décor:** Use as a vessel for small candles, incense, or decorative objects
- **Office Accessory:** Elegant holder for business cards or small office supplies

## Care and Maintenance

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To preserve the pristine appearance of your Onyx Rectangular Saucer:

- Handwashing is recommended to maintain the fingerprint-resistant finish
- If machine washing, use a commercial-grade dishwasher with proper racks to prevent contact with other items

- Avoid abrasive cleaning tools that might compromise the scratch-resistant surface
- Store with protective dividers to prevent surface contact with other items
- While the scratch-resistant finish is durable, avoid cutting directly on the surface

## Special Order Information

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**Transform any regular white Cameo dinnerware into the sophisticated Onyx finish.**

Our award-winning black textured varnish creates an elegant backdrop that distinguishes your dining experience. The innovative scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant surface ensures a pristine appearance throughout service while significantly reducing polishing requirements.

- **Minimum Order:** 20 cases initial order
- **Production Time:** 3-4 months
- **Finish:** Premium black textured finish with scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant properties

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