

## Cast-iron tray for calling cards "the Russian style", by Kusa, circa 1940s-50s.

Rhomboid in shape, measures 6 1/2" to the side, overall size 10" x 7 3/4". Shallow, stands barely 1/2" in height, weighs a little over 1 lb. The center is cast in an intricate complex ornament, surrounded by a simpler ornamented ledge.

In excellent, outstanding condition. There is not a trace of rust, no scratches, scuffs, chips, dings or any other type of damage. There's very slight wear to the coating on the legs where they touch the surface of whatever the tray stands on but that's to be expected. Elsewhere, the coating is in pristine condition and even retains its understated luster.

Kusa is a small city in the Chelyabinsk Region in the Urals Region of the Russian Federation, famous for its artistic cast-iron castings since the 19th century and located not so far from Kasli, another such famous producer of artistic cast-iron castings. Sadly, the masters of Kusa stopped their work in 2021, surrendering to the changing post-Soviet economy conditions and yielding to the Kasli competition.

Please note that the business cards in our photo are for size reference.

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**\$70.00**



