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Square silver drinks tray

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Height: 50 mm (1.97")

Width: 350 mm (13.78")

Depth: 350 mm (13.78")

Weight: 1630 g

Description

Early 20th century square silver cocktail drinks tray with shaped corners and fitted with easy-to-hold cast handles that mirror the decorative applied moulded border. The usable surface is 310mm x 310mm (12¼" x 12¼").

The serving tray as we know it today is an evolution of the salver, which was a term used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four.

The word salver derives from the Latin salvare meaning to save. Originally, food or drink intended for royalty would be initially tasted by a servant for signs of poison before it reached the royal top table. Being served on the salver indicated that this process had taken place and the food and drink was now fit for a king.

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