

# Creative Use Guide for the Onyx Footed Bowl

## Introduction

The Onyx Footed Bowl (910-210L99/210L99A/210L64) combines sophisticated aesthetics with practical functionality, making it a versatile addition to any culinary presentation. The distinctive elevated base creates an elegant profile while adding stability during service. Made with premium Vitrified China and Alumina Body, this collection features our innovative scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant finish that ensures pristine appearance throughout service while significantly reducing polishing requirements.

## Product Specifications

| Size   | Dimensions       | Capacity | Case Pack    | Product Code |
|--------|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Small  | 4-1/2" x 2-1/2"H | 11 oz    | 3 Dozen/Case | 910-210L99   |
| Medium | 5" x 2-5/8"H     | 15 oz    | 3 Dozen/Case | 910-210L99A  |
| Large  | 6" x 3"H         | 28 oz    | 2 Dozen/Case | 910-210L64   |

All Onyx Footed Bowls are made with premium Vitrified China and Alumina Body, providing exceptional durability and heat retention. The matte black finish creates a dramatic backdrop that enhances the visual impact of colorful ingredients and garnishes.

## The Psychology of Elevated Presentation

The distinctive footed design of these bowls creates a visual elevation that psychologically enhances the perceived value of the dish. Research in culinary presentation shows that height variation on a table creates visual interest and signals special attention to detail. The elevated base:

- Creates a sense of importance for the dish being served
- Adds a sophisticated architectural element to table settings

- Provides practical benefits by making the bowl easier to pick up
- Enhances the visibility of the dish in multi-course presentations

## Creative Applications by Size

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### Small Footed Bowl (910-210L99) - 4-1/2" x 2-1/2"H (11 oz)

The small footed bowl is perfect for:

- **Appetizer Presentations:** Serve small composed salads, ceviche, or tartare with the elevated base adding sophistication to starter courses
- **Dessert Applications:** Present mousses, puddings, or ice cream with the black backdrop dramatically highlighting colorful desserts
- **Amuse-Bouche Service:** Elevate single-bite offerings with the dramatic black backdrop
- **Condiment Presentation:** Use for tableside sauces, aiolis, or specialty salts
- **Individual Dips and Spreads:** Serve hummus, baba ganoush, or specialty butters

**Signature Plating Technique:** Create a "floating island" effect by placing a vibrant ingredient in the center with a clear consommé or sauce poured tableside, allowing the black background to create dramatic contrast.

### Medium Footed Bowl (910-210L99A) - 5" x 2-5/8"H (15 oz)

The medium footed bowl excels in:

- **Composed Salad Service:** Present individual salads with the height creating a dramatic effect
- **Grain Bowl Presentations:** Showcase colorful grain bowls with the black backdrop enhancing ingredient colors
- **Elevated Soup Service:** Serve bisques, chowders, or clear consommés with the footed design adding elegance
- **Breakfast Applications:** Present yogurt parfaits, overnight oats, or fruit medleys
- **Small Entrée Portions:** Ideal for lunch service or small plate concepts

**Signature Plating Technique:** Utilize the "layered horizon" approach by creating distinct horizontal layers of ingredients with contrasting colors and textures, allowing each layer to be visible against the black background.

## Large Footed Bowl (910-210L64) - 6" x 3"H (28 oz)

The large footed bowl is ideal for:

- **Entrée Presentations:** Perfect for pasta dishes, risottos, or composed protein-centered meals
- **Signature Soup Service:** Showcase hearty stews, ramen, or pho with the elevated base adding elegance
- **Family-Style Sides:** Present shared sides with the elevated design making them easy to pass
- **Noodle Dishes:** The deep profile and black background make it perfect for Asian noodle presentations
- **Composed Desserts:** Serve larger desserts like trifles or bread puddings

**Signature Plating Technique:** Employ the "central focus" method by placing a protein or main ingredient in the center, surrounded by sauce or accompaniments, with the black background creating a frame-like effect that draws the eye to the central element.

## Culinary Style Pairings

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The Onyx Footed Bowl collection pairs exceptionally well with these culinary styles:

- **Modern Asian:** The elevated design and black finish complement the clean lines and bold flavors of contemporary Asian cuisine
- **Nordic-Inspired:** The minimalist black aesthetic provides a perfect backdrop for the vibrant colors and natural elements of Nordic cuisine
- **Contemporary American:** The versatile design works seamlessly with farm-to-table presentations and modern comfort foods
- **Mediterranean Small Plates:** The various sizes support the diverse serving styles of Mediterranean mezze and tapas
- **Global Fusion:** The neutral black palette allows the colors and textures of fusion cuisine to take center stage

## Seasonal and Thematic Applications

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### Spring/Summer

- Showcase vibrant seasonal produce against the black backdrop

- Present chilled soups and refreshing salads
- Highlight colorful berry desserts with the dramatic contrast

## Fall/Winter

- Serve hearty stews and braises with the elevated design adding sophistication
- Present rich, warming grain dishes
- Showcase holiday-themed desserts with the black background enhancing festive colors

## Special Events

- **Cocktail Reception:** Use the small bowls for passed appetizers with the elevated design adding elegance
- **Tasting Menus:** Incorporate different sizes throughout multi-course experiences
- **Chef's Table Experiences:** Utilize the dramatic black backdrop for interactive presentations

## Non-Traditional Applications

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Beyond standard dining service, the Onyx Footed Bowl collection can be utilized for:

- **Retail Food Display:** The elevated design and black finish create sophisticated merchandising opportunities
- **Catering Presentations:** The fingerprint-resistant finish maintains pristine appearance throughout extended service
- **Culinary Education:** The black background makes ingredient identification and technique demonstration more visible
- **Food Photography:** The dramatic black backdrop enhances food styling and photography
- **Buffet Service:** The elevated design improves visibility and accessibility in buffet settings

## Care and Maintenance

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The innovative scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant finish of the Onyx Footed Bowl collection significantly reduces polishing requirements while maintaining a pristine appearance throughout service. To ensure longevity:

- Dishwasher safe, but hand washing is recommended for prolonged finish quality
- Avoid abrasive cleaning tools that might compromise the specialized finish

- Store with protective dividers to prevent contact between pieces
- The Vitrified China and Alumina Body construction provides excellent chip resistance
- Microwave and oven safe up to 350°F for heating applications

## Special Order Information

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Customize your Onyx selection of dinnerware. Order 20 cases of any regular stock item to become an Onyx design. The award-winning black textured varnish creates an elegant backdrop that distinguishes your dining experience.

- 20 cases minimum initial order
- 3-4 month production time
- Premium black textured finish with scratch-resistant and fingerprint-resistant properties

For more information or to request a consultation, contact [sales@us.cameochina.com](mailto:sales@us.cameochina.com).