Often Seen Authentic Nippon Marks
For Comparison to the Fake Marks

Note the centered stem and letter formation.
Found in magenta, green and blue.
Used 1911 to 1921.

¼” Leaf-Green or Blue
Used 1891 to 1911

Authentic RC Marks

Authentic Rising Sun Mark
**Fake & Misrepresented Nippon Marks**

*Wreath Marks*

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Often confused with Morimura
Rising Sun Marks

“Messy” Fake Rising Sun Mark

“Filled In” Fake Rising Sun Mark

“Open” Fake Rising Sun

“Messy” Rising Sun with AA Importing Sticker

Often Misrepresented as Nippon Rising Sun
**Maple Leaf Marks**

- Fake Magenta Maple Leaf
- Fake Maple Leaf-Found in Green & Blue

**Other Fake Marks**

- Found on Coffee, Tea & Chocolate Sets
- Fake Rubber Stamp Mark found on various items
- Fake RC Mark
- Fake Script Mark
Fake mark made to resemble the Picard Decorator Mark

It is rumored that the most recent fake M in Wreath mark is difficult to tell from the authentic. I have not found any fake M in wreath that a trained eye could not differentiate from the authentic mark. The most recent fake M in Wreath mark is shown, in this guide, with the rounded stem. The color is generally a lighter green from the original and there are some characteristics of the letters that is also different. The fake items are much heavier and thicker than authentic Morimura/Noritake Nippon. They are mass produced and the quality of decoration and mold is far below authentic Nippon items.

These pictures are representative of many of the most commonly seen fakes. Keep in mind, there are hundreds of different fake Nippon pieces out there. I will update this information as I find them.

Additional Note: There are many items with a Crowned N mark which are misrepresented as Nippon. The crowned N mark was an original Capodimonte mark which has been copied and used on many Japanese and German items.

Some of the marks shown are pictured with the foil stickers. Many unscrupulous sellers remove these stickers as they are a tell tale sign that the item is not authentic.
Fake Nippon Items

Wildflower Pattern
Antique Rose Pattern
Various Patterns & Items
This item also made with the Fake RS Prussia mark.

Hair receiver & Rolling pin

Chinese made hat pin Holder
Rose Mist

Violets

Fake Portrait Plate
Fake Nippon Marked Head Vases
Please note: There is no such thing as a Nippon Head Vase. All head vases marked Nippon are Asian Imports with fake marks. Head vases were never made during the Nippon era (1891 to 1921). Head vases were made mid 20th century on.

I hope that you have found this guide helpful. Pictures were obtained through many hours of scouring antique stores, estate sales, auctions and the internet and I was pleased to receive several pictures from some kind folks that I became aquainted with on the internet.

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