“Masu”

A masu is a cube-shaped vessel made from wood such as cypress, using expert techniques that do not require the use of any nails. Masu have been used as vessels for holding rice or sake in Japan for more than 1300 years. Today, the wonderful fragrance of their wood means they are used to drink sake in the celebratory sake barrel opening called kagami biraki, performed at New Year or the start of special events, as well as for the traditional Japanese bean throwing festival performed at setsubun. Dent Cube evokes images of masu, the symbol of celebration, lined up in an orderly fashion. Its unevenness creates a feeling of three dimensions and generates shadows. Combining two colors of tiles from the same series can create a space with a greater feeling of change.