

Creating a soap sculpture

Creating a stone sculpture is expensive, and takes a lot of time, space and skill to produce but we can explore the art of sculpting using softer materials such as a bar of soap.

REMEMBER: When you work in the kitchen and use sharp tools such as knives, make sure that there is an adult to help you!

Step 1: Draw the outline of the object you want to sculpt on the surface of your bar of soap. There are a number of ways you can do this.

- Using a pencil to gently carve into the surface of the soap, you can draw freehand the shape of the object you want to sculpt.
- If you have a good cookie cutter shape that you want to turn into a sculpture, you can gently press it into the surface of the soap to leave a shallow impression.
- If you want to practice your design first, place your soap onto a piece of paper and trace its outline. Draw your design on the paper in the outline and cut it out. Place the paper design on the bar of soap. Then use a pencil to lightly carve the outline of your design into the soap.

Step 2: Use a plastic knife to remove large chunks of the soap.

Step 3: Use a paper clip, or other finer tools (plastic clay modelling tools are perfect), to shave off smaller pieces.

Step 4: When you finish shaping the sculpture, use a pencil to carve the fine details. Brush away any soap dust with a paintbrush.

Step 5: Check out your soap carving!



You will need:

- bar of soap
- pencil
- paper
- scissors
- plastic butter knife
- paper clip
- paintbrush

Watch a video tutorial for soap sculpting at:

<https://youtu.be/ufXeHOCSSsA>

