

# SOAP CARVING

An incredibly relaxing activity, suitable for all ages.



## You will need:

- Bar of soap
- Pencil
- Paper to sketch your design on
- Wooden skewer (if not, a pencil will do)
- Blunt carving tool such as a plastic knife

## Optional:

- Coloured pigment such as eyeshadow
- Small paint brush

## Top tips:

For something which gets you clean, soap carving is messy! Always carve over a table and over a wipeable floor such as in a kitchen.

## Safety:

- Kids, ask an adult to check your choice of tools!
- Regularly sweep any shavings from the floor. It can be slippery!

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# INSPIRATION



# TECHNIQUE 1



**1** Draw around your soap a few times.



**2** Draw some designs into the shapes on your paper.

Will it work best in "landscape" or "portrait"?

Make sure you fill the space, drawing right up to the edges.



**3** Using a wooden skewer or pencil, draw a design onto your soap.



**4** When you're happy with your design, you can make it stand out by brushing some eye shadow over it. Ask permission before raiding someone else's make up!



## TECHNIQUE 2



1 Draw a simple, chunky design e.g. bubble writing.



2 Use a skewer or pencil to draw the main outline into your soap.



3 Use a blunt knife to carve out the background, so that your design stands out.



4 A dustpan and brush is useful for cleaning up the shavings.

Good luck with your soap carving!  
I'd love to see the results.

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