

# Make A Soap Carving

Use a bar of soap to create artwork inspired by walrus ivory carvings!

## Materials Needed:

White bar of soap, pencil, towel, carving tools such as a butter knife, vegetable peeler, blunt nail, paperclip, toothpick, etc.

**Caution** Always supervise children when using sharp objects.

## Instructions:

Step 1: Draw a simple design on both sides of the soap. Make up an abstract design, or choose a realistic design such as an animal or leaf.

Step 2: Cover your workspace with a towel to catch the soap shavings.

Step 3: Use your tools to carve the bar of soap. Different tools will be useful for different techniques. Use a butter knife to remove large areas. Twist a toothpick into the surface to make holes. Use a vegetable peeler to make smooth edges. Add lines with a paperclip.

Step 4: Turn your soap over and carve the other side.

Step 5: Gently brush the soap shavings away and admire your creation!

Hint: the artistic process, and some of the best artworks so keep practicing!

# Ivory Carving

Ivory is a hard, white substance found in the tusks or teeth of animals such as walruses, elephants, narwhals, and mammoths. People