

Fun stuff!

Make it

What you'll need

- Bar of colourful soap
- Pencil
- Lolly sticks
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Beads/jewels
- Bowl of water



Start here!



1 Take a colourful bar of soap (the more brightly coloured it is the better!), then use a pencil to mark out the design of your carving on it. Incas often sculpted faces, but it's up to you!



2 Once you have your design, you need to make a tool to carve out your pattern. So take a lolly stick and carefully use your scissors to cut it at an angle. Now you have a special carving tool!



3 Using your carving tool, carve out your pattern slowly along the pencil lines. Carefully wipe away any shavings stuck on your tool. For any detailed parts, use your pencil.



4 Once finished, smooth off the rough edges with your hands. If there are any pointy bits, just wet your fingers and smooth them down. Blow off any loose shavings on the sculpture.

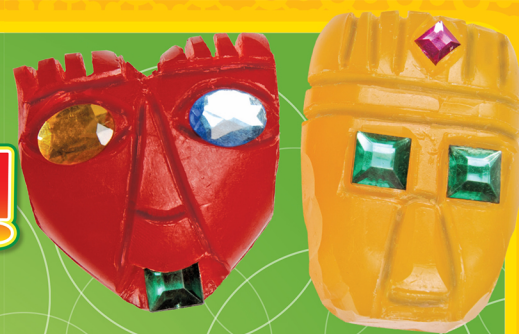


5 Now you're ready to make your sculpture shine! Using a dab of water and a brush, take some jewels and gems and stick them to your sculpture. Now you have your very own piece of ancient Inca treasure. Sparkling!



Inca soap sculptures!

Create your own piece of colourful South American art with these fab soapy carvings!



AMAZING FACES

Check out these famous carvings and sculptures from other civilisations...

MOAI, EASTER ISLAND

Easter Island, in the Pacific Ocean, has over 800 giant Moai scattered over it. The stone statues represent the ancestors of the islanders, and are so heavy, nearly all the trees on the island were cut down to move them on logs over 700 years ago!



TOTEM POLES, USA

These tall, wooden sculptures were carved by the indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest of America, to pass on their mythical stories to future generations. Made from tall cedar trees, some totem poles are over 50m high!

BURIAL MASK, MESOPOTAMIA

The Sumerian people, who lived in Mesopotamia (now Iraq) nearly 5,000 years ago, made elaborate death masks to be used in rituals and ceremonies. They were modelled on the faces of gods, to accompany the dead into the afterlife.



GREAT SPHINX OF GIZA, EGYPT

Built over 4,000 years ago by the Ancient Egyptians, the Great Sphinx is a statue of a mythical creature that has a lion's body and a woman's head. According to legend, the Sphinx ate any person who failed to answer its riddle. Eek!

