

Both the Native Americans and others who came to this area carved objects and tools from wood and stone. It might be something practical like a paddle or something artistic like a turtle pendant for a necklace or a combination of both such as a soapstone pipe. See what you can design and carve.

#MetKids—How to Make a Soap Carving

Directions and video

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<https://www.metmuseum.org/metmedia/video/metkids/metkids-create/create-a-soap-carving>

Follow along and learn how to make a soap carving.

Materials:

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

Instructions:

1. First, place a bar of soap on a sheet of paper and trace its outline.
2. Within the outline on the paper, draw your design and cut it out.
3. Place the design on the bar of soap. Then, use a pencil to lightly carve the outline of your design into the soap.
4. Use a plastic knife to remove large chunks of the soap and a paper clip to shave off smaller pieces.
5. When you finish shaping the sculpture, use a pencil to carve details.
6. Brush away any soap dust with a paintbrush.
7. Check out your soap carving!