

IIK: "Exploring My City Through Art"
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Lesson 1: Soap Scrimshaw
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Materials:

1 bar of soap	White Ivory soap (makes the black design stand out)
Toothpick	A couple toothpicks for carving your design onto soap
Black paint or ink	Black water based paint or ink
Paint brush	A Medium size paint brush for applying paint/ink
Paper Towel	For removing excess black paint from soap & cleanup
Sketch paper	For sketching designs
Pencil & eraser	For sketching

Follow Video on making Soap Scrimshaw.

Step 1: Sketch out your design on sketch paper

Step 2: If there is a logo on the bar of soap, remove with butter knife (get an adult to help)

Step 3: Begin to transfer your sketch onto the soap using the toothpick. *Remember the deeper and thicker the line you carve is the darker and thicker your lines will appear in the end.

Step 4: Brush on the black paint/ink over your carved design on the soap bar. Make sure to get the black paint/ink into all of your caved lines. *Do not let dry

Step 5: Immediately take a piece of paper towel and fold it over a few times. Dampen it with water (not soaking). Holding the soap bar firmly in one hand swipe your folded paper towel firmly in one direction once *(Not back and forth). Unfold paper towel and refold so that you have a clean spot - wipe soap bar again. Repeat this motion until all of the excess black paint is removed and all that's left is the black outline of your design.

HAVE FUN!