

SOAP CARVING

Create a simple sculpture from a bar of soap

Barbara Hepworth was an important artist within the British abstract art movement in the 20th century. She often created sculptures which were inspired by nature. She lived near the sea in St Ives, Cornwall and often used the shapes of shells and rocks to inspire her work.



She loved to work with wood and stone and, later on, in bronze. Her sculptures seem to be growing and look very natural.

Go to the Tate website to look at her work: www.tate.org.uk Can you see all the different shapes and forms Hepworth uses? Which one would you like to make?

You will need:

- Some cheap bars of white soap
- A pencil
- A teaspoon, a paperclip or toothpick.

1. DRAW YOUR DESIGN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SOAP.
2. USE A BLUNT KNIFE TO CARVE THE CORNERS OFF THE SOAP. GET AN ADULT TO HELP YOU WITH THIS BIT.
3. USE A TEASPOON TO CARVE OUT HOLES OR SHAPES IN THE SOAP.
4. USE THE POINT OF A PAPERCLIP OR TOOTHPICK FOR FINER DETAILS.

EXTENSION: TRY OTHER SHAPES – ADD OTHER MATERIALS LIKE WIRE TO YOUR SOAP SCULPTURE.

