**STARFISH**

**Step-by-step instructions**

Welcome to the world of stone carving!

Have fun and be creative!

**Set Up**

Place towel on work area. Fill a container (bowl) with water. As you work keep dipping the stone and tools/sandpaper in water to keep them wet. This will prevent dry stone dust!

**CAUTION:**

Don’t put muddy water down sink.

Dispose outside on grass or garden.

**Step 1.**

Use the Carving File with water and start by filing the square edges along the top. Try to get rid of the square look. Then do the same underneath. Take your time and get the arms and centre round.

Take about 20-30 minutes!

**Step 2.**

Use the course sandpaper (#150) with water to get out all the scratches! When all the deep scratches are gone, then sand the whole piece again with wet fine sandpaper (#400).

**Step 3.**

Use one edge of the Dimond File to engrave a design on the stone (face, patterns etc.). Repeat several times so the design is engraved deep into the stone (if not engraved deep enough, the design will disappear when the sculpture is waxed).

**Step 4.**

Rinse carving and dry with soft cloth. Be careful not to scratch it.

**Last Step.**

Be careful! Heat the stone with hair dryer until stone is hot enough to melt the wax (2+ min). Carefully wax everywhere, then let cool fully. When cool, buff.

Care: Soapstone is soft stone so handle carefully… to remove scratches, heat with hair dryer or dab with mineral oil.

**Congratulations!**

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