



# *Set up and clean up guidelines for online learning*

## Set up for carving:

Using water during the class is the best way to prevent participants in breathing in the dry airborne dust and to keep the mess to a minimum. You will need to fill up a bucket of water and pour it in individual bowls for every participant. While carving your soapstone you need to regularly dip the stone in the water. In this way you will keep the dust in the water bowl and clean both your stone and carving file (a clean file equal sharper and less slippery tool to work with)

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### Pro Tip:

If the children are requesting a change of water just because it feels dirty, please don't do it! You will waste valuable time and will end up with overflowing bucket of dirty water at the end of the class!

Remember dirty water means you are carving well and will end up with a beautiful sculpture!

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When carving is done:

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**Pro Tip:**

Distribution of sandpaper should happen only after carving with the files is finished. It is a good idea to make your students clean and put the files away in their backpacks for example so they are not tempted to fix something and scratch the stone again.

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## Clean up after the class:

One of the most important things to remember when cleaning up after the class is **not to dump dusty water down the drain**. You may end up with clogged sink and damaged water pipes and this is NOT what you want!

Instead collect all the dusty water from the bowls again in your bucket and water the plants in at the school grounds with it. It helps to steer the water in the bucket just before dumping it so all of the dust in it goes out.

Tables and desks can be wiped with a damp cloth for a thorough clean up (using a cleaning detergent helps but it is not necessary).

