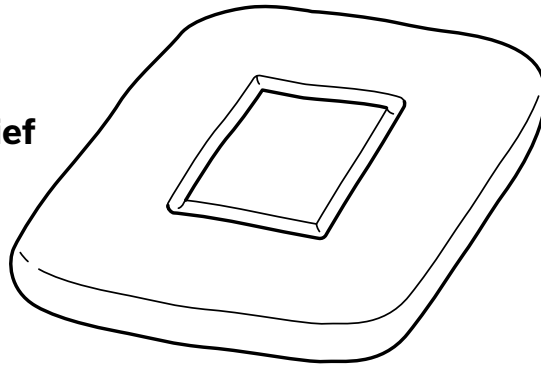


Make Egyptian carvings

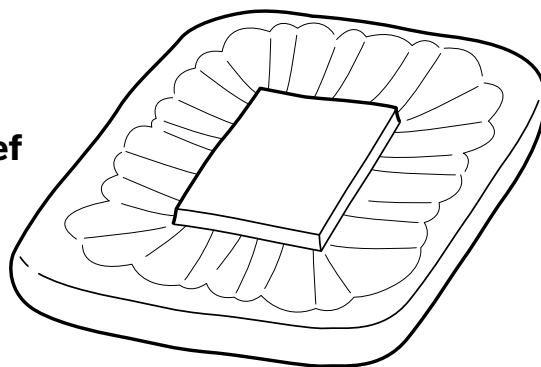
1. Shape a piece of Plasticine into a slab 7 cm square and 1 cm thick.
2. On one side of the slab carve a square with 3 cm sides. This is called a sunken relief.

Sunken relief



3. In the other side of the slab carve a square with 3 cm sides then cut out the Plasticine around it so the square is above the surrounding surface. This is called a raised relief.

Raised relief



4. Turn to the side with the square in sunken relief and make the surface smooth again. Make a carving of the head of Ramesses II using the picture on page 20 to help you. He is the one on the left.
5. Turn to the side with the square in raised relief, add the Plasticine that you have cut out and make the surface smooth again. Make a carving of the head of Ramesses II in raised relief.
6. Which type of relief is easier to carve – sunken or raised?

Make Egyptian carvings

Age range

- Years 3/4 (SP4/5).
- Years 5/6 (SP6/7).

Resources

Copies of the worksheet, copies of the student book, large lumps of Plasticine, plastic knives.

Using the worksheet

The students may have been looking at pictures of carvings without realising that there are two kinds. Sunken relief is made by carving into the stone. Raised relief is made by marking out a figure on the stone then removing all the stone around it so the figure stands above the stone's surface. You may like to point out that the pictures on pages 20 and 21 of the student book show sunken reliefs made by carving into the stone.

Younger students

Let the students work on their own to make the square in sunken relief. They may need help to make the square in raised relief. When making the head of Ramesses II they may just draw his crown and make a pointy nose and beard as they may find it difficult to make an accurate copy.

Outcomes

The students:

- Know the difference between sunken and raised relief.
- Can carve to make figures in sunken and raised relief.

Older students

The students can work on their own through the worksheet.

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