

Alabaster carving

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1.Craft characteristics

-It's made of plaster.

-There are alabaster mines in different parts of Europe.

-The alabaster has many applications, both in architecture, as in lighting and ornamentation.



2.The technique

The technique of sculpting consists in extracting, by means of a hammer and a chisel, a punch or a chisel, the excess material to give shape to the figure that has been previously drawn.



3.Used materials

The material used in alabaster carving is mainly the plaster that crystallizes with light colors. The hammer, chisel and punch are used.



4. History

Alabaster, a word that comes from the Latin *alabastrum*, is a variety of gypsum stone calcium sulfate that comes in a compact form, contrary to selenite, which is a fibrous variety. Its name comes from the ancient Greek *αλάβαστρος* which designated a vessel without handles, because alabaster was used to make perfume vessels without handles.



5. Youtube videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uag4EalkTW8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzIHQO0g5S8>

<http://www.arastone.es/alabastro-para-esculpir-escultura/>

6.Gallery

