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# Statues in the Ice



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A large, illuminated ice sculpture of a squid or octopus is the central focus. The sculpture is carved from clear ice and is lit from within with a bright blue light, making it glow. It has multiple tentacles, some of which are curled upwards. The background is a dark, snowy night scene with evergreen trees. The ground is covered in snow, and there are some small lights visible in the distance.

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## Introduction

Have you ever made ice cubes in the freezer?

Ice **artists** make giant blocks of ice. Then they turn the blocks into works of art.



## Ice Artists

Ice artists use big machines that make clear ice.

Sometimes they also use white ice.

### Do You Know?

Some ice artists compete to make the tallest ice statue in the world. In 2009, ice artists built a 48-foot (14 m) statue of Scrat, a character from the *Ice Age* movies.

An ice artist might add dyes to make ice different colors.  
Some artists freeze flowers  
or other things in the ice.







Ice artists use sharp **tools** and even flames to **shape** the ice.  
A chain saw can cut through hard ice quickly.

## Making a Statue

It can take an hour to make a simple ice **statue**.





A big ice statue can take many hours or even days.





Ice statues in cold places can last for months before they **melt**.

Ice statues in warm places might only last for a few hours.

### **Moving a Statue**

Ice artists sometimes drive their statues to parties. It can take a lot of work to move ice statues. Artists wrap their statues in special blankets that keep the statues cold instead of warm. The artists also use dry ice (a special, super-cold ice) to keep the statues from melting.

## Amazing Ice Statues

Ice artists can make almost anything out of ice.







They can **carve** ice to look like giant bugs.



They can build a slide.



Ice artists can even make big buildings.

People can spend the night in some of them.

Even the beds are made of ice!

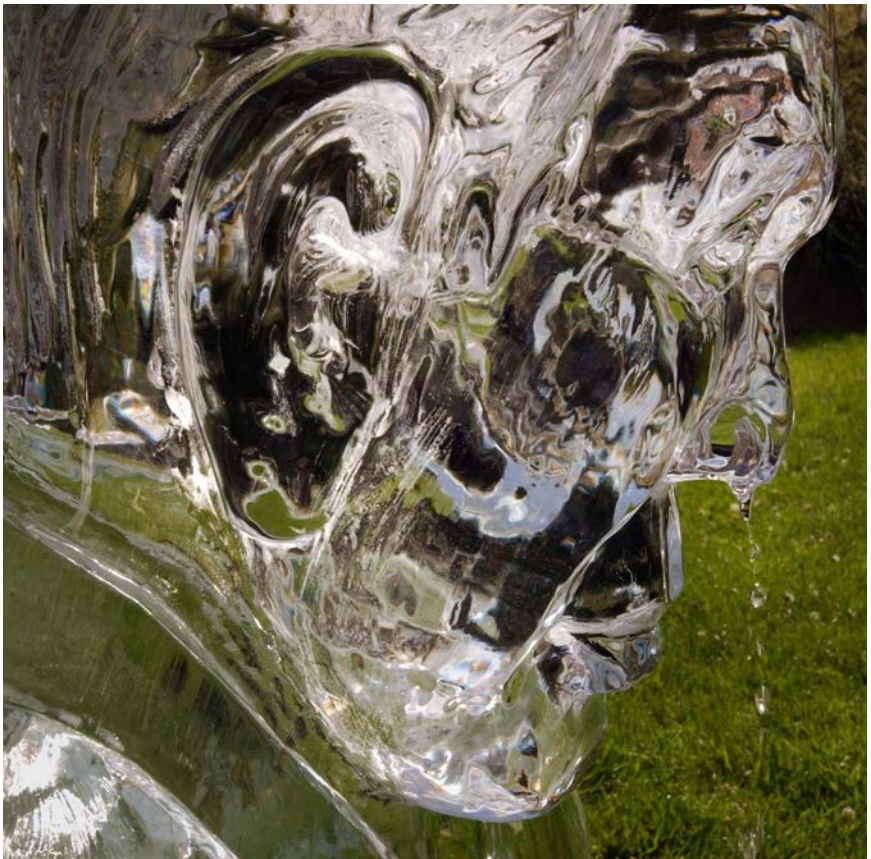
Would you want to spend the night in a room made of ice?

## Conclusion

It takes hard work and sharp tools to turn ice into works of art.

Sooner or later, the statues melt away.

Then it's time to make more ice!



## Glossary

- artists** (*n.*) people who are good at painting, music, writing, or another art or craft (p. 4)
- carve** (*v.*) to cut with care; to make something, such as a sculpture, by carefully cutting and shaping a material (p. 12)
- melt** (*v.*) to change from a solid to a liquid, mainly due to the temperature getting warmer (p. 10)
- shape** (*v.*) to use hands or a tool to make something into a shape (p. 7)
- statue** (*n.*) a three-dimensional work of art, usually in the shape of a person or other animal (p. 8)
- tools** (*n.*) objects or devices that make a job or task easier (p. 7)



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