People who carve stone are called ‘stonemasons’. Masons’ marks – symbols carved into stones, like the ones above – have been found in lots of medieval buildings. It’s likely they were used to make sure masons were paid correctly for their work.

Here are some mark-making play suggestions – your children may want to copy the marks above or enjoy making their own signature mark!

Sensory mason’s marks play can work well with yoghurt and food colouring.

Do wear play clothes as the food colouring may stain!

Making marks with sticks in the sand or soil is also good fun.

A paintbrush and water is a great way to practice mark making outside on pavements and fences!

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