Wood Carving

Himachal is the one of those areas in India where wood has played a significant role as a structural material. Pine, Cedrus deodara, walnut, horse chestnut and wild black mulberry are found in abundance in Himachal Pradesh. Places famous for woodcraft are Chamba, Tisza, Kalpa, Kinnaur district and Kullu. Village homes are constructed with carvings on doors, windows, balcony panels etc. This can be found in remote areas of the state, especially in the districts of Kinnaur and Kullu.

The tribal areas like Minghal, Chhatrahadi, Bharmaur, Manali, Parasher, Karsog, Saranh, Moorang, Sarahan, Vilba etc are full of beautiful temples carved out of wood. Some of the memorable carvings are Shiva and Parvati sitting on the back of the Nandi Bull with the holy Ganges flowing out of Shiva's tresses on the entrance door of the sun temple at Beerath near Shimla. A panel depicting soldiers firing guns and wrestlers wrestling and warriors dancing with daggers can be seen at the entrance of the Beejat temple at Chaupal. In the Malana village in Kulu a pillar depicts human figures in the act of love making.

Houses all over Himachal display intricate wooden carvings at the entrance gates, at the edge of the roof, rooftops, verandahs and pillars. These are especially in evidence in Kangra, Garli-Paraypur, Kulu, Simla, Chamba and Bharmaur areas. The door ways has a carved statue of lord Ganesh adorning it and flanked on either side by animal and bird figures. Carvings upon the pillars depict flowering creepers, kings settling out on expeditions, wrestlers and family deities. The margins are usually adorned with ornamental designs.
Wood carving is the traditional craft done in the mountains. It is practiced in different regions of Himachal Pradesh by many artisans. One of them is Bal Mukund Thakur from the kullu region. He started this craft in 1988 as a hobby under the guidance of his uncle, and used to make pieces for the neighbours and friends as a part timer.

In 2000, he started as a professional and does temple work and other small works. He trained many people and around 150 artisans work with him depending on the project requirement. They can do any type of carving on different kinds of wood. They usually make customized design sent by the clients.
Purchasing Instructions:

SELECT
Pick the design you’re interested in using this catalogue. Make note of the code name. And if the customer want their own customize design they can discuss it with the artisan.

PLACE ORDER
Once your selection is confirmed, please share the code name of the design. And if the design is customized the customer can share their design through the medium discussed. Also share your billing & delivery address for your invoice.

PAY
Pay using bank transfer, NEFT, Google pay or even Paytm. You’re directly paying to the artisan you’re buying from, therefore the method depends on them.

RECEIVE
Once the payment is received by the artisan, your product will be packed and dispatched by the artisan. Cost of packing and dispatch will be at actuals.
Category Type 1

‘Easy Work’

Starts form 700 Rs/sq.ft. to 1500 Rs/sq.ft.
Code Name : EW_01

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Code Name : EW_03

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Category Type 2

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Starts from 1500 Rs/sq.ft. to 2500 Rs/sq.ft.
Category Type 3

‘Detailed work’

Starts from 2500 Rs/sq.ft. to 3500 Rs/sq.ft.
Category Type 4

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Starts form 6000 Rs/per piece
All the above designs are the examples to understand the pricing according to the detailing in carving.

The customer can select the designs from the given pictures or can also have their own customize designs.

Prices can vary according to the design. It usually depends on size and details of cutting or carvings in the design. It’s all the matter of discussion between the client and the artisan when finalize design to carve.
All the product photos have been taken by the artisans themselves. Kindly look beyond the pixels to appreciate their craft & effort towards a digital future.
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