

How Santa gourds are made

In the workshop of Lizzet & Rodolfo, dried gourds go through many steps before becoming the adorable Santas that are so popular this time of the year.

- Santa's face is protected with wax and then the gourd is dyed red.
- After that, a Santa design is sketched into the gourd with a pencil.
- That design is carved into the gourd using a simple hand chisel. Only a few carvers have the skill to quickly carve all of the detail in Santa's beard.
- Skilled pyrographers then use a small torch to darken areas of the gourd.
- Finally each gourd is covered with a white paste, cleaned and polished with wax.

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