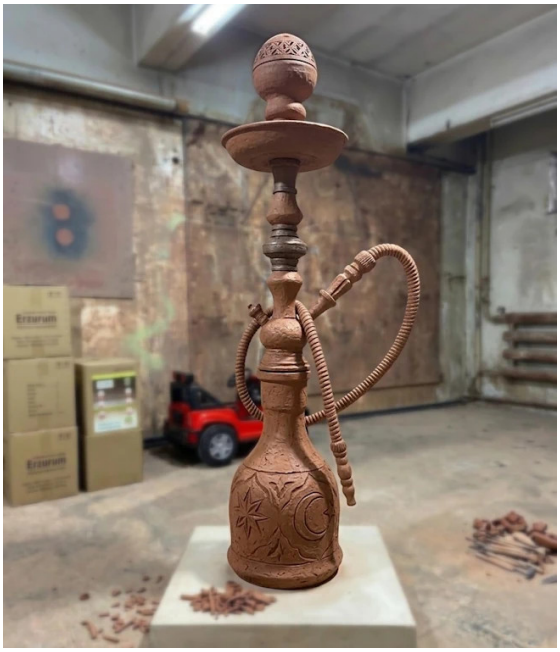
Hookah Statue



The hookah (shisha) statue is a unique sculptural work that transforms one of the most deep-rooted symbols of Ottoman and Eastern culture into a large-scale and permanent piece of art. The work seen in the photograph was captured during the clay modeling stage, clearly demonstrating the meticulous nature of the production process through its detailed craftsmanship and realistic form. Designed as a custom order for a private firm, this hookah statue has come to life through the unique handiwork of the Heykel.org Workshop.

Hookah and Its Cultural Significance

For centuries, the hookah has been an integral part of social life in the Ottoman geography and the Middle East. The hookah tradition, which became widespread in Ottoman palaces in the 16th century, eventually seeped into folk culture, becoming a symbol of coffeehouses, public squares, and social gatherings. Today, hookah culture remains vibrant, particularly in Turkey, as well as in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and the Gulf countries. This long-standing tradition demonstrates that the hookah is not just a smoking apparatus, but a symbol of friendship, conversation, and hospitality.

Design and Detailed Features of the Statue

The hookah statue in the photo reflects all the characteristic elements of the traditional Ottoman hookah form with great fidelity. The crescent and star (ay yildiz) and eight-pointed star motifs are engraved on the wide and powerful body using the relief technique. These motifs make a strong reference to Turkish cultural identity while significantly increasing the decorative value of the work. The slender neck rising from the body, the tray, and the bowl sections are modeled with anatomical accuracy. The openwork (ajour) ball form on top of the bowl reflects one of the finest

details of traditional hookah craftsmanship.

One of the most striking elements of the statue is the realistic modeling of the hose as it curves away from the body. This detail, which imitates the spiral texture of the hose, adds both a sense of movement and originality to the work. These details, which are clearly visible even in the clay modeling stage, will become much more prominent during the casting and surface finishing phases.

Material and Production Process

The hookah statue is currently in the clay modeling stage. This stage constitutes the most creative and labor-intensive part of statue production. First, a steel carrier skeleton is prepared, and then layers of clay are applied to meticulously shape the form and details. Following the completion of the clay model, a silicone molding process is performed, ensuring that the finest details, such as the motifs on the body and the hose texture, are transferred completely to the mold.

In the final production, fiberglass, bronze, or composite materials can be used. For outdoor projects and large-scale corporate orders, the recommended materials are bronze or reinforced fiberglass. Both options are resistant to weather conditions, long-lasting, and yield aesthetically powerful results.

Size Options

The hookah statue can be produced in any size according to the customer's needs and the characteristics of the space. We have the production capacity for a wide range of sizes, starting from tabletop decorative versions to monumental scales of 5 meters and above. In large-scale statues, internal support systems are reinforced, and engineering factors such as wind load and ground stability are taken into account. The work in the photo is produced as a custom order for a firm, and new orders in similar scales and designs are being accepted.

Usage Areas

The hookah statue is a unique decorative element that strengthens the identity and concept of the space for hookah cafes and restaurants. It can be used as an entrance statue, a garden focal point, or an indoor showpiece for any venue that highlights hookah culture. Hotels and holiday resorts—especially facilities with Ottoman and Eastern concepts—can adopt this statue as both a cultural reference and an original decorative work. Large-scale hookah statues, which attract significant interest in shopping malls and bazaars, can also serve a powerful function as photo points and social media focuses. Small-scale hookah-themed statues are also produced for corporate gifts and special ceremonies. You can contact us for a hookah statue order and detailed information.

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