

SKILLBUILD

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PRACTICE AND PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Stonemasonry

Be able to time your work accurately

The competition is based on speed and accuracy, so practice working against the clock and look for better ways to remove rough stone.

Surface Finishes

Templets are often a deciding factor in a competition, familiarise yourself with the surface finishes and orientation of the surfaces. I.e., Bottom Bed is at the bottom of the stone!

Working circular

If you've not worked circular work before, practice simple, single mouldings to a curve.

Check surfaces

Ensure you know how to check and adjust surfaces to be true and square and how to or correct errors.

Practice using 'tabs'

Practice using the 'tabs' on reverses (they fit to existing fillets and surfaces) to know where to remove stone.

Pitching, punching & clawing

The biggest area for improvement in competition is to be able to remove rough quickly and effectively, so practice pitching, punching and clawing.