

Busts of Epicurus

Post by “Cassius” of July 21, 2019 at 8:45 AM

Rotatable 3d model -- <http://www.digitalsculpture.org/epicurus/index.html>

Post by “Eikadistes” of July 25, 2025 at 11:30 AM

I just received this bust from an Etsy seller, **Kargar**, owner of [Selfix3D](#).



Post by “Cassius” of July 25, 2025 at 11:58 AM

VERY nice!

Post by “Bryan” of July 25, 2025 at 12:22 PM

Brilliant! Thank you for sharing! I search etsy occasionally for new busts -- but this one got past me *until now*.

Post by “Bryan” of July 27, 2025 at 4:07 PM

I noticed that most of the other statues offered from the same shop have pupils. I have struggled to paint them on other busts, so I asked the shop if they could add pupils to this bust. They said they could and gave this from their program as a sample; so be aware of this option. We'll see how it turns out.

Post by “Eikadistes” of July 27, 2025 at 7:28 PM

That's awesome! Please share how it turns out.

Post by “Bryan” of August 6, 2025 at 3:10 AM

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Post by “Kalosyni” of August 6, 2025 at 2:37 PM

[Bryan](#) ...Just an idea...you could go with a solid color all over (either solid gold or medium gray (repainted)then you could use a "dry-brush" to lightly skim (with very little paint) or a lightly dabbed sea sponge (or any sponge with even texture) to touch on only the raised areas of the sculpture, using a much lighter color of gold (or a white if using gray as the base)... which would leave the recessed areas unpainted, and so that the lighter color would be contrasting with the darker tones in the deeper sections, and it would highlight the 3-dimensional sculpted form by creating more contrast with the light and shadow.

Post by “TauPhi” of August 6, 2025 at 3:36 PM

[Quote from Bryan](#)

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I like it like that. He looks like a ginger vampire and that explains a lot about his philosophy. Firstly, everyone knows that gingers have no soul so it's clear that Epicurus got jealous and depreciated the importance of soul's existence. Secondly, gray skin is a sign of anemia. Let's face it - he asked for it. He thought bread and water could produce the highest pleasure. He obviously sucked at being a vampire since he didn't know about the benefits of drinking the blood of virgins.

Post by “kochiekoch” of August 6, 2025 at 5:03 PM

He looks like a Christmas ornament. 😊

He did like celebrations!

Post by “Bryan” of August 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM

I ordered another one of these, but they refunded the order and now seem to have shut down the whole shop.

Carpe diem quam minimum credula postero!

Post by “Eikadistes” of August 14, 2025 at 10:59 AM

Geez! This keeps happening.

I've managed to find a few of the 3-D printing .stl files. Not for this one (which I believe you can purchase elsewhere for \$19.99), but I have three [1] Metródōros at Athens Archaeological Museum, [2] Epíkouros at the British Museum, and [3] the Double with Epíkouros and Metrodorus from the Vatican. They're just under 150 MBs together, in case anyone has a 3-D printer.

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Post by “Kalosyni” of August 14, 2025 at 11:46 AM

Here is digital retouching 🙄



[Bryan](#) just an idea...you could do a thin wash of a very diluted gold over the silver and bronze areas, and your end result would be a lighter gold tone over the skin and a darker gold for his hair, (while keeping the clothing the same color as it is).

Post by “Don” of August 14, 2025 at 1:26 PM

[Quote from Eikadistes](#)

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Try your local public library. They'll often have them in their maker spaces and print files for patrons.

Post by “Charles” of August 15, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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https://www.etsy.com/shop/HistoricalStatues?ref=shop_header



Post by “Rolf” of August 15, 2025 at 11:29 AM

<http://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/1061-busts-of-epicurus/>

[Quote from Charles](#)

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Wow, these are beautiful.

Post by "Bryan" of August 15, 2025 at 1:29 PM

Which version did you choose [Charles](#)? Which color and base?

Post by "Charles" of August 15, 2025 at 2:23 PM

[Quote from Bryan](#)

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I chose the faux-bronze looking one on the left. Though, I might order the marble one with the rounded base.

Post by “Bryan” of August 27, 2025 at 6:31 PM

I can't justify the decisions made here, although I was thinking of those processional roads with flanking identical herms/statues.



Post by “kochiekoch” of August 27, 2025 at 6:35 PM

LOL!!! You could use them in a bar, as handles for beer taps! Epicurus beer!!! 😄

Post by “Cassius” of August 27, 2025 at 6:43 PM

Those look great! I really like the idea of combining the busts with the profiles and the mounting on a column.

Post by “Don” of August 27, 2025 at 7:28 PM

[Quote from kochiekoch](#)

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Epi-Coors-us? 🤔

Post by “Eikadistes” of August 28, 2025 at 8:48 AM

[Quote from Don](#)

[Quote from kochiekoch](#)

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Funny you should mention it...



