

Artisan Skill (Likely Similar to the Ancient Greek/Roman World)

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I just found this video, and likely this artist learned through apprenticeship, and techniques may have been similar to ancient Greece/Rome. (An interesting question to ponder: was it an unbroken lineage of craftsmen or was the skill lost but then rediscovered during the Renaissance).

This is a must see video for any art lovers or artists:

Master sculptor Fred X. Brownstein recreates Antonio Canova’s sculpture “Venus” using Canova’s unique 200-year-old techniques over the course of 6 months.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XkueS09XEFE>

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Wow! That guy has amazing skill. And he works fast! 😁

Seriously, it's interesting to see how the art of the Roman Empire declined in the later years of the west. The reason given, in this very good video, is economic decline and the loss of the old masters. Quite a difference between the 1st century and the 5th.

[Did art decline in the late Roman Empire?](#)