

Skilled artisans in traditional copper-bronze handicrafts make unique idols and other handicrafts using the lost wax method. They start by softening wax in a heater at 40-42°C and shaping it with their hands. Then they apply mud with a brush on the wax model to create a mold. Once many molds are ready, they are burned in an oven, melting the wax and creating a blank mold. The lost wax model is then replicated by filling the mold with high-melted bronze or copper. After the clay mold cools, the resulting artwork is polished and finished. It's worth noting that the artist himself creates the wax model. However, the artist can choose to do the rest of the process himself, or family members can help him, or he can pay other skilled artisans in the community. This art form is typically passed down within a few families, and it involves artisans from all genders, with women's participation being more noticeable these days.