



## Fruit Carving

### Overview

Fruit Carving is a very common technique in Europe and Asian countries, especially in Japan, China and Thailand. Many fruits can be carved, but watermelon, apple, pineapple and tomato are the most popular of all. In Thailand, fruit carving is a significant part of culture. Watermelon carving originated from the 14th century in Thailand during the Sukhothai dynasty. The annual Festival, Loi Krathong, which occurs every Full Moon of November where people in Thailand float lamps and lanterns down a river to honor water spirits.

According to a legend, one of the king's maids decorated her lantern with a watermelon carved with flowers designed to impress him. He was so pleased that he encouraged all Thai women to adopt the practice and it became popular since then. Thailand fruit carving features flower, birds and floral patterns

“Fruit carving normally used to be side dish for eating and decoration.”

### Materials and Equipment

Knife and Fruit

### Procedure

1. Choose hard-shelled fruit such as watermelon and pumpkin, then carved the fruit in different patterns using Thai original template or other designs with some special skills for carving.

# Thai decorative flower

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Thai decorative flowers are normally used in Thailand's prominent ceremony, especially Malai, Baci-Su -Kwan.

Malai is a type of flower used in almost every Thai ceremony. For instance, in Buddhist ceremony to worship Buddha, in Father's and Mother's Day to show respect to benefactor. Some are used for car decoration and odor improvement.

Baci is one of Thai decorative flowers used in Thai culture. Kwan is spirit that has been with us since we were born to protect us from any danger. Baci-Su-Kwan is a Thai ritual calling back Kwan

## Materials and Equipment

Colorful and aromatic flowers e.g. jasmine, Ixora, and orchid

“Fruit carving & Thai decorative flower showing Thai lifestyle especially meticulousness of Thais.”