

BB Sculpture



- CRAFT/PROFESSION

Baptiste BODIN has a real fascination for delicately intricate work requiring meticulous care, patience and attention to detail. He carves a variety of items in wood, which he describes as a “non-homogeneous material”; his creations include statuettes, knife handles, key rings, door posts, chess boards and chess pieces carved from endemic wood species... and sometimes nautilus shells! His designs are all quite unique.



- BACKGROUND

Following studies in the scientific field, Baptiste decided that science gave him little scope to develop his creativity and turned towards a career giving freer rein to his artistic tastes. He began a 3-year apprenticeship in wood and cabinetmaking with a master cabinetmaker in Lyon. Back in New Caledonia, Baptiste was naturally drawn towards woodcarving, an area of creative craft where he could combine his technical expertise in working with wood and his skills in drawing.



Baptiste made friends with New Caledonian artists and craftspeople who gave him the necessary encouragement and inspiration to set up his own craft business in 2020.

- INSPIRATION AND DESIGNS

Baptiste's designs, carved entirely freehand, reflect his aesthetic tastes: rooted in and inspired by works of primitive art, particularly Kanak art, they also echo influences from surrealism and cubism. “What I most love are the intertwined shapes, hidden details and strong faces” he tells us.