

## VARANASI SOFT STONE JALI WORK

Jali or fretwork is intricately carved on soft stone (monolithic, and without any joints) and its process requires supreme mastery of masonry and design making. The Varanasi jali work epitomizes both high skill and superior quality of craftsmanship. Delicately chiseled and decorated with inlay work these elaborately carved jalis demand time in their making along with the skill and creativity.

The jali craft work can be seen on forts, zamindari homes, places of worship and ancient monuments all of which are a testimony of its antiquity. Statues of religious significance are also made using this technique. To further enhance the beauty of these sculptures they would be embedded with semi-precious stones and shell work. Today small items of utility and decor are also produced such as table tops, boxes, coasters, trays, etc. The popular 'Elephant within Elephant' and other such pieces of birds, animals, statues, etc are the result of the skills and sheer hard work of these craftsmen.

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