



WILLARD WIGAN MICRO SCULPTOR



Willard Wigan creates sculptures so tiny you need a microscope to see them. When he works, he is able to slow his heartbeat down, so that his hand doesn't shake! Go to his website to see more amazing sculptures.

<https://www.willardwiganmbe.com/>



Willard was born in Wednesfield , near Birmingham. He spent a lot of time living and working around Nottingham. This microscopic sculpture of Robin Hood is his tribute to the people of Nottingham.

Can you believe it?



This sculpture is smaller than the eye of a standard sewing needle.

Willard uses his own eyelash as a paint brush!

The sculpture is so tiny you need a microscope to see it.

A Kevlar sculpture in the eye of a needle.

Willard Wigan is the creator of the world smallest hand made artworks in history.

As a young boy Willard found both reading and writing did not come naturally to him. At that time autism and learning difficulties were virtually not recognised. He was told by school teachers that he would amount to nothing and would achieve nothing.

Growing up his mother often told him that the smaller he made things the bigger his name would become, she would often tell him that his work wasn't small enough and that he should try again. This inspired him to make things increasingly smaller, now he can make things in beautiful detail often smaller than a full stop in a newspaper.

Willard sculpted a portrait of the Queen on a coffee bean; he described creating the work as: "...a bit of a challenge because a coffee bean crumbles and is hollow in the middle".

Click on this link to see Willard talking about how he creates his art.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-birmingham-18115505/queen-s-head-carved-on-coffee-bean-for-diamond-jubilee#:~:text=Queen's%20head%20carved%20on%20coffee%20bean%20for%20Diamond%20Jubilee,mark%20the%20monarch's%20Diamond%20Jubilee.>