A Couple of Casket

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Materials and Instruments
Taro, carving knives, thin knife, and fruit scoop

Pagoda Shaped Casket

Method

1. Peel the taro and shape into a lotus bud shape. Wash with alum solution. Scrub away the latex. Cut in half vertically.

2. The casket: With the knife tip, cut to lift up the 0.5 cm. wide rim. Remove the outer flesh. Shape the taro round. Scoop out the flesh inside the casket to make it smooth.

3. Carve out a pattern around the opening of the casket, dividing into 15 sections. With the knife tip, cut out a v-shaped notch to form a petal. Cut to remove the flesh under the petal. Neaten the remaining flesh. Carve out the second row of petals all around. The petals of each circle should be between the petals of the previous row. Proceed like this all around. Make deep cuts to lower the flesh under the petals.

4. Cut out 5 curls on the casket, making deep cuts alternating the petals. Remove the flesh and neaten.

5. The lid: With the knife tip, cut deeply to make the inner rim, and cut out 5-6 curves all around. Cut to remove the flesh. Shape the lid and neaten. Shape the top to make the pint. Wash the carving with icy cold alum solution.