



The carving of the millstones



The millstones used in Sainte Cécile were generally monolithic (formed in one block).

Edges were shaped to the desired dimensions, then a "ditch" was hammered 10cm (4 inches) to 20cm (8 inches) wide and 30cm (12 inches) to 40cm (16 inches) deep.

Iron corners were then placed and hit with a sledgehammer. It was also possible to use dried wooden corners that swelled when water was added, and this allowed to break the stone.









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