

History

Today the team at the firm of Herbert Crummenauer consists of 15 members of staff and belongs to the leading enterprises in the cameo stone sector. Innovative developments and highest possible flexibility are still part of our everyday tradition.

Nowadays we work with over 50 different kinds of stones combining manual craftsmanship and sophisticated technology in the process of creating a vast variety of shapes. Each complicated new shape we consider as a challenge!

Our long years of experience in working with and treating of agates motivate us to keep on improving and perfecting our work. So today we usually manufacture agate cameo stones with two or more layers in varied colours and shapes. This secret traditional procedure, passed on from father to son in each generation, has been used to produce cameo stones of the very best quality, showing brilliant and fine colours, carved by expert hands.

Only very few families from Idar-Oberstein know this worldwide unique craft. Only about 3% of the agate occurrences are worth using for cameos. Therefore we purchase our rough stones direct in Brazil at the agate mines: so that we can guarantee that only the very best merchandise will leave our house. Only an expert's eye may discern which stone is really suitable as a cameo stone. This stone will then have to stand a complicate procedure of treatment lasting two or three months, before it will be shaped with the support of the latest technology. Then it will still have to pass a strict quality control in order to become a genuine "Spirit of Agate", a product which is only available from the House of

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