

Papier-Mâché Mask

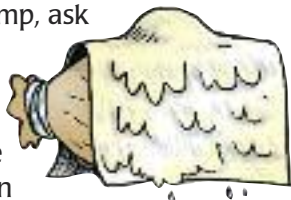
Supplies needed:

- paper lunch bag or small paper grocery bag
- 3 sheets of newspaper
- papier-mâché paste
- masking tape
- paint and paintbrushes
- scissors

Stuff a lunch bag with crumpled newspaper. Twist and tape the top closed to create a "head." Crumple some newspaper into a nose shape and tape it on. Coat a full sheet of newspaper with papier-mâché paste. Repeat with two more sheets of newspaper, so all three pieces are stuck together.

Put the nonsticky side of the newspapers against your paper bag. Shape carefully around the nose form. Use masking tape to hold the wet newspaper in place. Let your mask dry. If the weather is cool or damp, ask an adult to dry it in an oven on very low heat.

When your mask is dry, remove the paper bag. Trim any extra newspaper away from the face. Cut eye holes and holes to breathe through under the nose if you want to wear the mask. Paint the mask. Attach an elastic cord to wear or hang up your mask.

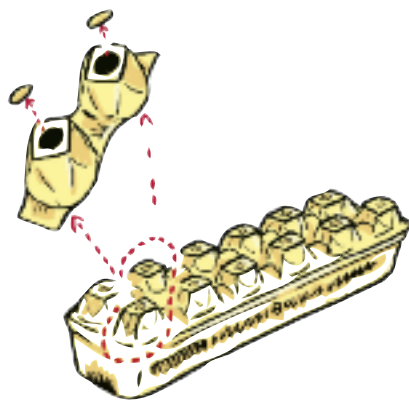


Egg Carton Mask

Supplies needed:

- empty egg carton (cardboard works best)
- scissors
- elastic cord, yarn, or string
- stapler
- glue or tape
- colored paper
- markers
- *optional:* decorations

Cut pairs of cups from the egg carton, cutting on the diagonal. Cut the bottom out of each cup to see through. Cut away some of the middle bump if it gets in the way of your nose. Staple ends of elastic cord to each side of the mask. Glue or tape paper and optional extras to the top and sides of the mask for ears, eyebrows, and so on. Use paper or other parts of the egg carton to shape a muzzle, mustache, or other facial features below the eyes. Decorate with markers.



Paper Bag Mask

Supplies needed:

- medium-size paper grocery bag
- scissors
- tape
- glue
- colored paper
- markers
- *optional:* decorations

Put the paper bag over your head. If needed, fold and tape a "tuck" in the back of the bag to make it fit better. Decide where to cut the bag so your lower face shows. Leave the back of the bag mask long if you want a helmet or long-hair effect. Cut eye holes. Decorate with markers, paper, and any other decorations you can find.

Your Choice: _____

2 Look behind the "mask."

Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Using what you've just read, figure out what this says: ".traeh eht ta skool doG tub ecnaraeppa drawtuo eht ta kool elpoeP"

Talk with your club or family:

- Why can you miss something important about someone judging by looks?
- How can you look for the "real person," not the "outward appearance"?

3 Act out a story.

Create a short skit.

Work with some friends, and use one or both of your masks. Perform for your club or family.

Extra Credit

- Go to a museum and look at masks from different cultures and times. Talk with an adult or report to your club about how masks can be used.

