ARTMAKING PROJECT | Mixed Media Masks!

Today we think of masks as something we wear to protect our health, but people have worn masks for a variety of reasons from the practical to the playful since the Stone Age.

Depictions of masks appear in Paleolithic cave paintings that are 30,000 to 40,000 years old, and they've been used around the world ever since, in different sizes, shape and personalities. Here are some questions to think about when making and decorating a mask.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Where do you see masks being worn?
On what occasions would you wear a mask?
What kind of expression will your mask have?

MATERIALS

- Cardboard scraps (old cereal boxes or shipping boxes work well)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Popsicle stick
- Glue
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils, paints – anything to add color and decorate!
ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions

Step 1
Gather supplies.

Step 2
Using the cardboard and scissors, cut out the mask’s base plus eyes, ears, a nose and mouth and use glue or tape to assemble the layers.

Step 3
Once the mask is complete and all the features are secured, start to decorate! Use markers, colored pencils, paint or even collage to add color and designs to the mask.

Step 4
Tape the popsicle stick to the back of the mask so that there is a handle to hold the mask up and in front of your face!

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