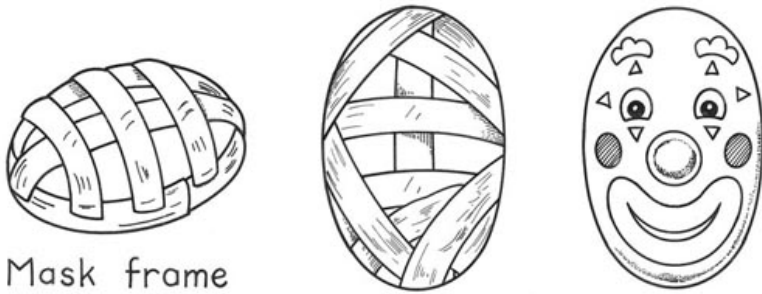


Activity Corner

Papier-Mache Mask



Mask frame

Build an original mask out of newspaper strips, and hang your artwork on the wall.

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper. Fold several sheets of newspaper into long bands. Using the illustration as a guide, make a mask frame (an oval half) with bands of newspaper stapled together.
2. Mix flour and water together to make a paste. Use 1 cup of flour for each cup of water. Blend until the paste is smooth. Dip a strip of newspaper in the paste. Rub the strip between your fingers to remove any extra paste. Put the strip over the mask frame and smooth in place. Repeat until the mask is covered with 4 or 5 layers of strips. To add more dimension to your mask, tape on projections before you add the last layer of newspaper strips. Use paper rolls or cones for horns, ears, and a nose. Let the mask dry overnight.
3. With an adult's help, cut out the eyes and a mouth. Paint the mask and let it dry completely. To make your mask shiny, apply a coat of acrylic sealer.

- Newspaper
- stapler and staples
- flour and water (for paste)
- measuring cup
- mixing bowl and spoon
- 2.5x10-centimetre newspaper strips
- masking tape
- scissors or craft knife
- acrylic or poster paints
- paintbrush
- acrylic sealer (optional)

Be sure to follow all directions and safety warnings!

