

Greek Theatre Masks

Your challenge is to design and create a Greek mask. This is an on-going project and you are not expected to do this all in one go - it might be a fun project for the Easter holidays!

1. Read the background information on page 1 of 'Greek masks project'.
2. Follow the instructions on page 2.
3. Either print out the project booklet or use it as a guide.

The following pages show some ideas but feel free to find other inspiration.

I hope you enjoy yourselves!



Fold your card in half and cut out the eyes and mouth (choose a tragic or comic style)

Add a nose! Look at this picture below to see how this has been done, with the brow and nose cut from another piece of card and glued to the face at an angle to make it look more realistic and 3D.



Curl scraps from your card to use as hair, beards or laurel wreaths.

Use your imaginations and be as creative as possible. Look at these images of the amazing work of the English puppet theatre designer John Blundall, which could be made with card.



You might like to use papier-mâché on a balloon. This site has clear instructions with photos
<https://ourpastimes.com/how-to-make-a-greek-theater-mask-12277621.html>

BBC goodfood has a 'recipe' using a mug of plain flour and a mug of warm water
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-paper-mache>

Blow up a balloon to a bit bigger than your head size; use a felt tip to draw a basic outline and openings for eyes and mouth; either add scrunched paper or cotton wool for the nose, eyebrows or other features now before adding the layers of paper or let the layers of papier- mâché dry before building up a nose and eyebrows and any other features with more papier- mâché. Use about three layers to make it strong, leaving each layer to dry before putting on another. Make sure each layer has overlapping bits of paper. You can use newspaper first and then plain paper for the final layer if it makes it easier to decorate. Enjoy popping the balloon! Have a look at these pictures:



See separate pdfs for some free Greek-style masks:

