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Character Masks

STEPS:

- 1 After you decide on your character, use tagboard or paper and masking tape to add onto the base mask form (to make horns, ears, noses, etc).
- 2 make a paste by mixing 1 pt flour, 2 pt water, and ¼ cup of Elmers liquid glue.
- 3 Dip newspaper strips into the glue was and cover armature with strips. Cover with at least 2 layers. Smothing out the paper as you go. Let dry.
- 4 Day 2: Paint or color the mask once its dry.

Materials:

- plastic mask form
 - newspaper strips
 - glue, flour + water or Modpodge
 - masking tape
- Day 2:
- paint/bowls/brushes or acrylic markers

Note: This project gets a "3" rating because of clean up and timing. It should take 45 min+ for building the mask on day 1. Painting the mask should be done after it is dry, on day 2.

Project Short Cuts and Do Aheads

- 1 Cover the tables with newsprint or other paper before you start for easier clean up.
- 2 Make your glue wash ahead and keep it covered.
- 3 For younger kids, you can pre-cut the newspaper strips. For older kids,, they can tear strips as they go.

Watch Out For...

- 1 Make sure your glue wash is the right consistency and not too runny.
- 2 Make sure the newspaper strips are completely covered in the glue wash. Smooth them out onto the form to avoid irregular bumps, etc.