

Directions for making 2-3 Masks

- Using a pencil draw an oval shape larger than a face on one of the pieces of cardboard. Do this for the second piece as well. Cut out the ovals and save the scraps.
- Draw free hand eye shapes and smile on oval or trace 2-3 Smile Template onto oval.
- As you see the tracings are completed, take a sharp scissors and pierce a hole through the eyes and mouths. This will get students started; and they can then cut the rest.
- For the nose, take a piece of scrap cardboard and trace the diamond template onto it. Cut it out. Fold it in half evenly. Glue the two longest edges only and hold it in place for a few minutes to let it set. **DO NOT OVER GLUE!**
- Using scrap cardboard, draw and cut out two small circles for ears. Using masking tape, attach part to the back of the oval. Be careful of the nose!
- Take the netting or mesh and place it over the eyes and mouth. Trace around the spaces, making the mesh circles about a width of a finger larger than the spaces. Cut the material out. Glue around the edges of the openings and place the newly cut pieces **ON TOP** of the cardboard. **DO NOT OVER GLUE!**
- Paint the mask white. Do not paint the netting or mesh. Once the white paint is dry, take a dry brush and apply black paint around the glued edges of the eyes and mouth. Let it dry.
- Add the dowel or paint stirrer to the back of the mask. Affix it with masking tape.
- Give the students a few moments to play with the masks and act out their characters

Distribute glue, paint, construction paper, and yarn. Students can use construction paper to add hair, beards, ears, manes, etc. Yarn can also become hair. Glue these on the back of the plate to peak out of the sides.

To make hair, the paper can be cut into strips and curled using the blunt edge of a scissors or by winding it tightly around a pencil. Glue the strips to the back of the mask. Do the same with the yarn, if used.

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Add the dowel or paint stirrer to the back of the mask. Affix it with masking tape.

There are many ways to change the appearance of the mask. In addition to different colors, the ears can be changed to look more like an animal. The eyes can also be changed - take a piece of black construction paper and make two small circles. Glue them to the middle of the eye space.