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# Folding Fun Masks

Add dimension to mask creation!

Make your very own mask! Students can make great 3D masks with the unique design of Folding Fun Masks. Create a character, design an animal mask or celebrate with a festival mask!

Let's get started! You will need materials to decorate the masks and pipe cleaners to hold them in place. Gather tissue paper, crayons, paint, craft paper, fabric scraps and your favorite decorating supplies. Lay a mask down on a flat surface and transform it into your favorite character. Once finished thread one end of a pipe cleaner through the hole near the ear. Twist it back around the stem of the pipe cleaner to hold it in place. Repeat with a second pipe cleaner through the other hole. Curve the pipe cleaners over your ears to hold it in place. Next, tape the pleats to give the mask dimension. Gently bring in both sides of the pleat and tape in place. Repeat for all the remaining pleats. Finally, push out the nose along the pre-cut scores.

Try these ideas to enhance your mask experience:

Become part of the animal kingdom! Use crayons, craft paper or paint to decorate a mask resembling your favorite animal. Make a roaring lion! Bunch up and glue on tissue paper scraps around the edges for a lions mane. Tip: Research your animal and present interesting facts to the rest of the class while wearing the mask.

Party down! Explore the world's festivals and create celebration masks. Use Roylco's Colored Feathers, and bright paint colors to create a Mardi-Gras mask.

Explore the arts! Using an encyclopedia or the Internet, research dramatic arts such as ancient Greek plays or the Japanese Kabuki theater. Let the style and form of these masks inspire your mask design. Write your own plays and perform them while wearing decorated Folding Fun Masks.

Explore the cultural past! Examine native cultures from around the world or Roman and Greek mythology to create exciting masks, rich with stories and interesting backgrounds. Tip: On the back of the decorated mask write its historical meaning.

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