

Mask Decorating

Cultural and Tribal Masks

Through historical and social contexts of cultural studies, students respond to learning about cultural and/or tribal group by using mask decoration as a learning tool through art. Students employ a range of critical thinking skills to create an aesthetically pleasing decorative mask; symmetry and asymmetry, colour, texture, line. **A fantastic project to incorporate Asian or Indigenous perspectives in Australian Classrooms!**

Lessons: 2 x 35mins

Prep Time: 5-10 mins

Making time: 20mins

Cleaning up: 5 mins

Set up & Equipment:

- 5 Tables of 5
- Table covers
- Aprons
- Hair dryer

Materials:

- Mask cardboard base
- craft glue
- hot glue gun
- containers for glue
- Brushes
- Scissors
- Paint
- Stapler
- Sewing kit
- Collage materials
 - Feathers
 - Sequins
 - Beads and string
 - Ribbon
 - Fabric

Instructions:

Students use pre-sketched up plan to guide creating their mask

1. Students paint **mask base**. Wait for it to dry (use dryer to speed up process). Start preparing decorations e.g. plating ribbon, beading raffia, hot gluing feathers
2. Students collage **materials** to mask using **craft glue** and **hot glue** (Adult Supervision required), and other ways of attaching things; sewing kit, stapler, tape.



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Hints & Tips:

- Incorporate the curriculum by using the content as a guide for making masks
- Use a hairdryer to speed up the process



EXAMPLE

Curriculum into the Classroom

- ✓ Cross-curricula
 - SOSE (Study of Society & Environment) perspective
 - English
 - History (Ancient cultures; Egypt, Aztecs, Native Indian Americans)
 - Music
- ✓ Adaptable to Asian and Indigenous learning perspectives
- ✓ OH&S –hot glue gun
- ✓ Symmetry/Asymmetry
- ✓ Colour, Shape, Line, Texture
- ✓ Problem-solving how to attach materials

Materials:

Pg	Item	Code	Qty.	Rec. Qty	Cost ea.	Total Cost
43	Glue Brush	GLUEB	12 pk	2	\$3.31	
90	Gloo Ultra Glue	UGL001	1L	1	\$15.02	
92	Hot Glue gun –Small	HGGS	1	2	\$7.25	
92	Hot Glue Gun Sticks Small	HGS12C	12 pk	2	\$2.54	
124	Kindy Scissors 135mm	SC35R	135mm	15	\$0.74	
136	Box of mixed fabric	FABBOX	5kg	1	\$20.00	
138	Bundle of Buttons	BOBUTS	Assort.	1	\$2.83	
151	Paper mache mask Headdress mask	PMMHD	1	27	\$3.31	
154	Round flat sequins	SEQFLAT	10mm bag (1000 sequins)	1	\$3.41	
156	Feathers – Multicoloured	FETHCOL	50g bag (250 feathers)	1	\$4.57	
156	Feathers –Natural Coloured	FETHNAT	50 g bag (250 feathers)	1	\$5.79	
					TOTAL=	

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