

Art 3200 - *Day of the Dead Mask*



You will need the following materials:

- Styrofoam head
- Vaseline
- Newspapers to cover your table
- A pile of newspaper strips (approx. 1 inch wide and 3-4 inches long)
- 10-20 newspaper strips (approx. ½ inch wide and 3 inches long)
- Paper towels
- Paper maché paste

Instructions:

1. Apply a thin layer of Vaseline to the front side of your Styrofoam head (go about 1 cm past the middle line).
2. Dip a wide strip of newspaper into the paste, totally covering it. When taking your strip out, slide it between your two fingers to remove any excess paste.
3. Lay your first strip along the center line of the Styrofoam head. Keep applying strips along this line so the entire center line gets covered. **Please remember to always overlap your strips to strengthen your mask!**
4. Fill in the rest of your mask, always overlapping strips as you go. When you get to smaller curved areas, use your smaller strips to maintain the curves in the face (around the eyes, nose, mouth and chin). Try not to have any raised areas of newspaper.
5. When the entire mask is covered, put any **UNUSED, DRY** strips back in the plastic bag. Clean out your paper maché bucket in the sink and dry it using a towel.
6. Put your Styrofoam head in one of the shelves. Write your name on a piece of masking tape and place it on your spot in the shelf.
7. Clean your table and wash your hands.

You will need to apply two more layers of paper maché, so make sure you follow these steps in the next two classes. **HAVE FUN!!!!** 😊