

Mardi Gras masks

Art and crafts

45 minutes

You will need:

Cardboard

PVA glue and spreaders

Scissors

Ribbons

Feathers

Felt pens

Paints, brushes and pots

Pencils

Stickers, sequins and other decorations

Rice, lentils or beads

Craft knife

Optional:

Old magazines,
free Mardi Gras mask template

One-to-one



Tactile
Creative
Relaxing

This simple craft activity invites participants to create their own Mardi Gras mask. It is accessible and tactile and allows participants to develop their own creative ideas within the context of a gentle art activity.

To prepare:

You will need a piece of card per participant. This could be craft card or recycled material such as a cereal box or a paper plate. The masks can be any shape you like and can be drawn freehand or using a Mardi Gras mask template which can easily be found online. The masks will need to be cut out using scissors, and the eye holes removed with a craft knife. You may want to prepare your masks in advance, or this might be something that your group will enjoy doing.

You will also need to collect all kinds of arts and craft materials that you can decorate your masks safely with. This could be paints, ribbons, feathers, stickers, buttons, sequins, sweet wrappers and anything else that inspires you! You may also have magazines that you can cut up or old celebration cards.

To begin:

Give each member of the group a mask template or let them make their own. Invite the group to paint the base of their mask in a colour of their choosing, and then allow this to dry. Next, they can use a glue stick or PVA glue to stick on ribbons and sequins. It can also be nice to add some peel-off stickers, and 3D embellishment such as lentils and sequins for texture and sparkle. You could even stick feathers on the back of the mask with masking tape and use silver and gold pens for more detail. Encourage your group to go freestyle and have fun!

To finish:

Invite your group to attach ribbon to the sides of their mask using tape to stick it on to the back. You could also use a stapler if you want to attach it more securely (or make holes on each side of the mask and then tie ribbon on that way). Another option is to tape a pencil or lollipop stick to the side of the masks if your group would prefer to hold their finished mask up to their faces rather than tying it on.

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