

Papier-Mâché Creature Project

Grades 3-6

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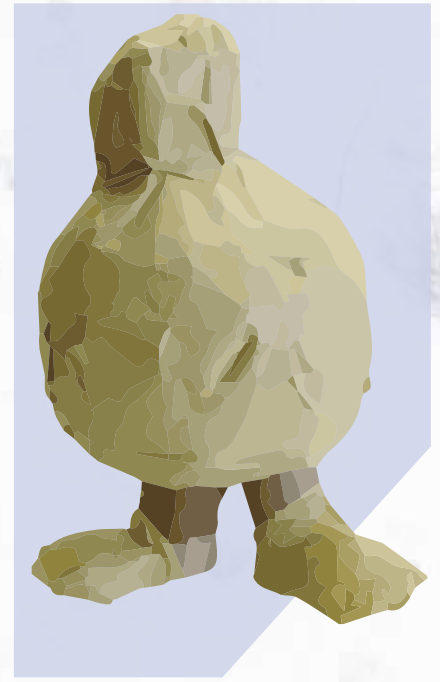
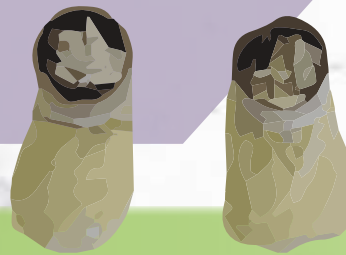
TIME 4 class periods
(1 hour each)

OBJECTIVES

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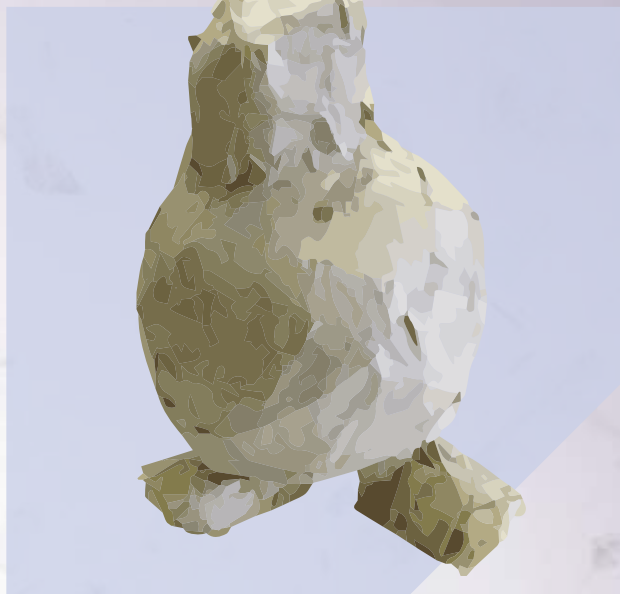
- Utilize form, texture, and colour to create a three-dimensional papier-mâché sculpture
- Recycle materials to form and create an original papier-mâché creature

Instructions



FORM THE BODY

1. Stuff 3-5 sheets of crumpled newspaper into plastic bag.
2. Push down on the bag to squeeze out the air.
3. Form a round shape. Twist and tie the handles of the bag together securely with masking tape.
4. Stuff one sheet of newspaper into the leftover tied-off plastic bag to form a small head.
5. Tape the plastic bag all over securely with masking tape, squeezing out the air as you tape.
6. Form legs by cutting two 3" sections of the paper towel tube. Form shoes by cutting the cardboard into the shape of the soles. Tape to the ends of the tube. Form round shape on top of the shoe with newspaper and tape to the top of the soles to give a puffy round shoe.
7. Stuff the inside of each leg with newspaper.
8. Tape the shoes onto the legs, then attach the legs onto the body with a glue gun. You are now ready to apply papier-mâché to your creature.



PAPIER-MÂCHÉ

1. Mix Elmer's® Art Paste as directed into a small bowl. The paste will have a clear, gooey consistency.
2. Apply papier-mâché with strips of newsprint coated with paste, overlapping, with 3-5 layers.
3. When creature is completely covered, let dry thoroughly.

PAINTING

1. Use the tempera paint to add polka dots, stripes, or zigzag patterns.
2. After the paint dries, use a glue gun to attach and embellish the creature with fur, yarn, feathers, pom-poms, fabric, ribbons, rhinestones, and jewels. Add googly eyes or create your own arms, hands, eyeballs, horns, and teeth with Crayola® Model Magic®



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Materials

- SPECTRUM Assorted White Taklon Brushes, Set of 6 — [240712](#)
- PRANG Ready-to-Use Washable Liquid Tempera Paint: Complete Set of 12 Colours — [214025](#)
- Ribbon Value Pack, 36 cm — [9705780](#)
- Art Yarn - Bright Colours — [220963](#)
- Assorted Rhinestones 45 g — [215090](#)
- Paste-on Wiggle Eye Assortment, pkg. of 182 — [220947](#)
- Pom-Poms, Bag of 100 — [240364](#)
- Crayola® Model Magic®, 2-lb. Bucket, Four 8-oz. pkgs., White — [9708619](#)
- Guinea Feathers, 7g pack — [240586](#)
- Fabric Squares - Pkg. of 36, 12" x 12" — [9730542](#)
- Elmer's® Art Paste, 2-oz. pkg. — [8100197](#)
- SPECTRUM Mini Glue Gun (Low Temperature) — [240086](#)
- All-Purpose Dual-Temp Glue Sticks
- Masking Tape, 1½" W
- Plastic bag
- Paper towel tubes
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Blank strips of newsprint
- Scissors