

Art week 18

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Labour Day mask

Now we are going to make a Labour Day mask! Take an empty cardboard package (around A4 size) and cut out the front. From these instructions, you can print out a ready mask template and cut it out. Place the cut-out mask template on the flipside of the carton and draw its outline onto it. Draw the holes for the eyes at the correct spots. Cut out the complete cardboard mask. Cut out the mask's eyes, too!

Attn! If you want to modify the mask template, you can, for example, tape bunny ears to your mask. You can also change the shape of the eyeholes or make your own sort of mask shape. If you cannot print out the mask template, you can draw the template straight onto the cardboard using the template as a model.

Now, your mask needs ornaments! By ripping or cutting out colourful strips from a magazine, you can get pieces of paper to glue straight on to the surface of your mask. You can also use silk paper, coloured paper, feathers and other kinds of ornaments on your mask. If you use silk paper, spread glue onto the mask and attach the silk paper directly onto the glue. Tidy up the edges of the mask by cutting off the extra bits of paper. If the eyeholes are covered, then flip it over and cut the eyes open again.

The mask is ready once a string is attached to it. You can ask your parents for help! To bind the mask, you can use either two strings which can be tied up like a bow, or one string (a stretchy string is best). You can use almost any kind of string which is strong enough: gift ribbon, jute cord, jewellery string, a shoelace, or some other such item.

To attach the string: For example, using the pointy end of a pair of scissors, or with a compass, make a hole on both sides of the mask at the height of your eyes. Make sure to leave enough space to the edge of the mask, so it doesn't break when you puncture it. Push the string through the hole and take enough string so as to make a good knot and tie it up well.

What you need

A roughly A4-sized cardboard carton (for example, from a package or oatmeal /rice), magazines or coloured papers, glue stick, pencil, scissors, cord for attaching.

Stages of work



Goal

In this activity, you get to step into the shoes of a Labour Day character by designing a festive outfit for yourself: a Labour Day mask. You refine your skills of observation by choosing different coloured papers to decorate your mask and also by drawing the outline of the mask. Your fine motor skills develop as you glue, cut and draw.

Background

People have a so-called internal map of the location of all their body parts. If you close your eyes, you can usually still touch your nose successfully. If you use this skill, you can draw the eyeholes onto your mask only at the end. Ask a friend to help. Place the mask on your face and with your index finger, point out where your eyes are in relation to the surface of the mask. Your friend will draw small dots where you pointed with your finger. Now, you can draw eyeholes in the shape you like around those dots. Make a small hole with the end of a pair of scissors and cut along the edges. *Here, you'll find ideas for decorating the Labour Day mask:* [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#)

Mask template

