

Papier Mâché Animal Heads



MATERIALS:

- White Glue (1 part glue to 2 parts water)
- Water (1 part glue to 2 parts water)
- Paper Towel (about 10 sheets, ripped into 1-inch wide strips)
- Newspaper or Magazines
- Masking Tape
- Paint, Markers, Stickers, etc. for decorating
- Plastic Container or Bowl

STEPS:

1. Sculpt your animal head using newspaper or old magazine pages and masking tape. Ball-up newspaper, paper or pages of magazines into fist- sized shapes, wrapping these shapes thoroughly with masking tape. Using this technique, you can create different shapes; tape several smaller shapes together to build up a head, and use smaller shapes to sculpt smaller pieces, such as the ears of the bear in the image. Attach these shapes together with the masking tape.
2. Rip paper towel into strips about an inch or so wide.
3. In an empty plastic container or bowl, mix together white glue and water, using 1 part glue to 2 parts water. Stir well.
4. Dip a paper towel strip into glue and water mixture and run your fingers down it covering evenly and letting any excess fall back into the bowl.
5. Drape the glue-covered paper towel strips over your animal head shape, covering it thoroughly.
6. Once your animal head is covered, let it dry overnight. Once dry, you can add a second layer of glue-covered strips for a smoother look (this step is optional).
7. Let your animal head dry completely overnight on a covered surface.
8. Paint or decorate your animal head to bring it to life!

This is a multi-day project as you will want to let your papier mâché form dry overnight before painting or decorating it. Our papier mâché mix uses white glue and water, but you can also find other recipes and mixes online using flour or other types of adhesives you might have in your home.

We would love to see what you make! Share your creative process with us by using the hashtags #eskerfoundation and #museumfromhome.