

Introduction

In this lesson students will brainstorm and begin to sketch their own mask that they will create as part of the final project. Numerous maskmaking lessons are provided in the first section of this curriculum guide. Before introducing this lesson to students, be sure to choose which project you will be doing as that will determine the kinds of masks your students can create. You may want to have images of masks available (either from online or books) to help students get started.

Materials

Images of masks

White sketch paper

Pencils

Crayons, colored pencils, or markers

Procedure

1. Introduce the details of the maskmaking project to the students—how it will be created, materials available, etc.
2. Provide paper and pencils and instruct students to begin brainstorming and then sketching their idea for the mask. Remind students to be as detailed as possible in their sketch, as this will be their guide for actually creating their mask. It will help them plan the order in which they need to create the different parts of the mask (for example, the face base before the nose, or the horns before the hair, etc.). Allow students to browse through examples and talk quietly with peers to generate ideas.
3. When students finish their sketches, have them color them so that their color scheme is already created when they get to the final finishing stage of creating their mask.
4. Follow the instructions in a maskmaking lesson chosen from the first section of this curriculum project.