Papier-Mâché Creature Project

Grades 3-6
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OBJECTIVES
Students will...
- Utilize form, texture, and color to create a three-dimensional papier-mâché sculpture
- Recycle materials to form and create an original papier-mâché creature

TIME
4 class periods (1 hour each)
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, raffia, 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®.
Materials

- Royal Brush® Golden Taklon Value Pack Brushes, set of 5 — 9728920
- Jazz® Gloss Tempera Paints, set of 10 pints — 9710455
- Ribbon Embellishment Assortment, 40 yards — 9725704
- Trait-tex® Jumbo Yarn, assorted 5-ft. lengths — 9705244
- Rhinestones & Jewels, 12-oz. container — 9726692
- Paste-on Wiggle Eye Assortment, pkg. of 100 — 9708262
- Pom-Poms, bag of 300 — 9703637
- Crayola® Model Magic®, 2-lb. bucket, four 8-oz. pkgs., white — 9708619
- Nasco Feather Classroom Pack — 9718639
- Multicultural Hair, 72" each of 6 colors — 9730656
- Multicolored Raffia, 12-oz. pkg. — 9742446(A-K)
- Smart-Fab® Disposable Art and Decoration Fabric Sheets, 9" x 12", Pack of 45 — 9731755(C)
- Elmer’s® Art Paste, 2-oz. pkg. — 8100197
- Surebonder® 40-Watt Full-Size Dual-Temp Glue Gun — 9731443
- All-Purpose Dual-Temp Glue Sticks
- Masking Tape, 1½" W
- Plastic bag
- Paper towel tubes
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Blank strips of newsprint
- Scissors