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Home-Made Animal Masks

Key Vocabulary & Definition:

Escape: break free from confinement or control

Day-Dream: a series of pleasant thoughts that distract one's attention from the present

Make-Believe: the action of pretending or imagining that things are better than they really are

Our shelter in place lifestyle struck me to be similar to a zoo. It is a place where one is put for protection, to ensure one survives, and a place to witness our existence. Let us pretend to be these animals, escape our present forms, and day dream about our ideal habitats. Dream of lush landscapes, exotic bird songs, and slip into another world - if only for a moment. Masks evoke play, transformation, and a shifting of our world. What animal do you want to become?



First Aid Art Kit Materials:

Items Included:

- Brown paper bags
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Color! If painting, Water Vessel & Paint brushes
- Glue Sticks
- String

Materials to help:

- Scissors if there are none in your kits
- Sponge
- Old rags or paper towels
- Newsprint to cover work area
- Paper grocery bags to make more!

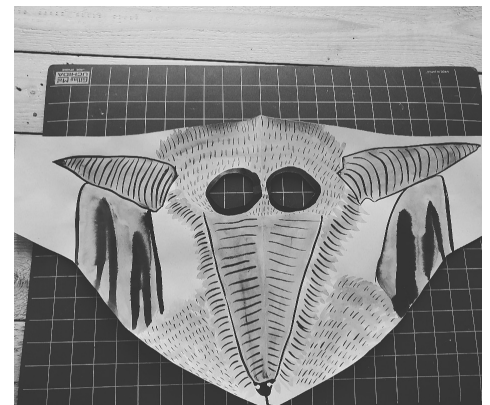
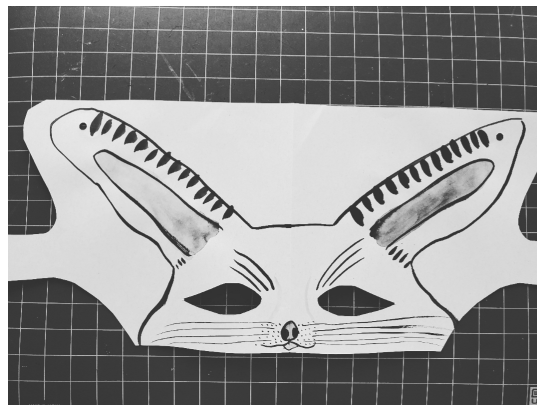
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Getting Set Up:

1. Cover work area with Newsprint.
2. Cut down the center seam on one side of a brown paper bag.
3. Cut out the bottom to unfold a long piece of brown paper.
4. Measure 28 inches long and cut off the remaining paper.
5. To make a half mask make the vertical height 9 ½ inches.
6. To make a full mask make the vertical height between 14-to17th inches.
7. Wrap your paper around your head, and gently press where your eyes are and put a dot for each eye.
 - *Think about eye placement on the paper, a horse might have the eyes high, a rabbit might need to have eyes lower to make room for the ears.
8. Fold paper in half so you have each eye dot on either side.
9. Take your scissors and gently push through both pieces of paper to make a very small peep hole.
10. If you are making a half mask, cut an almond shape, 1 ½ inches about from the small hole you have in your folded paper. Start small, you can always go back and make them larger.
11. If you are making a larger mask keep your peep holes small since they will blend into your animal's face.



Time to decorate your mask:

1. Bold patterns work best on brown paper. Think: stripes, polka dots, blobs, scribbles, what ever your animal needs for horns, hair, fur, fangs, or scales.
2. You can start by drawing out what you like with a Pencil and then go back into it with ink or paint. The advantage of the a brown paper bag is it can take a lot.
3. Feel free to adorn your mask further with embellishments like frayed left over paper, glue on string, yarn, pasta, whatever you have on hand.