

Mardi Gras Mask

As they say in New Orleans, "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" Let the good times roll while you make a Mardi Gras mask to celebrate Mardi Gras.

What You Need:

- Heavy card stock paper in purple or beige/white
- Tempera paint in gold, green and purple
- Scissors
- Liquid glue
- Glitter
- Sequins or gemstones
- Feathers
- Curling ribbon
- Wooden skewer or chopstick
- Hot glue gun



What You Do:

1. Before she gets started, help your child learn a little bit about Mardi Gras and the tradition that surrounds it: Mardi Gras is a Catholic celebration that happens before Easter and before the week of "Lent," a time when Catholics often give up something they enjoy to better connect with their faith. Many cultures celebrate the week before Lent with huge parties and parades, but Mardi Gras is the most famous. "Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday;" and Fat Tuesday is the last day of enjoying the thing you might give up for Lent! The most famous Mardi Gras festival in the U.S. is held in New Orleans, Louisiana.
2. Purple, gold and green are traditional colors in Mardi Gras decorations. If you don't find purple card stock, your child can use purple tempera paint on a piece of white card stock.
3. Help your child cut out a mask shape from the card stock paper.
4. Cut holes for your child's eyes in the mask.
5. Let your child decorate the mask using liquid glue to attach feathers, glitter, sequins, and gemstones.
6. Next, let her paint the wooden chopstick or skewer gold. After the paint dries, you can hot glue it to the back of the mask at one side end of the mask.
7. Help her tie some ribbon around the stick, near the top of it but below where the mask is glued on. Use scissors to curl the ribbon and let it drape down from the top of the stick.
8. Let her hold up the mask to her face to try it out in honor of Mardi Gras. Très belle!