



The Sunny Pages

At home art activities to brighten your day

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“Picasso Cubist Masks”

This activity is appropriate for ages 7 - 12

Time from start to finish = 45 minutes – 1 hour

30 minutes

You will need the following materials:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Paint
- Glue (hot glue gun, glue dots, or white liquid glue)
- Paint markers or oil pastels
- Paintbrushes
- Palette or paper plate
- Pencil



Brief project description:

Create a cardboard mask inspired by Picasso's style of cubism!

Steps

- **#1:** Gather your cardboard and paint it different pastel colors. (to make a pastel, just add a little white paint to another color). I painted 3 different pieces of cardboard: one light blue, one pink, and one pale green. Set your painted cardboard aside to dry.
- **#2:** Once all pieces are dry, pick one painted cardboard piece as your base and draw a simple face shape on it. Use your scissors to cut out the face shape. Cut the rest of the cardboard into smaller, random geometric shapes: triangles, squares, trapezoids, diamonds, etc.
- **#3:** Draw patterns and designs on your simple face shape base using paint markers or oil pastels. You can create gradients and blends with oil pastels by laying down an area of pastel and using your fingers to rub and smear the edge and blend it out. I divided my mask face shape into different sections and filled each section with a different pattern.
- **#4:** Sort through the smaller random geometric shapes. Determine which shapes resemble a nose, a mouth, an eyebrow, etc. Arrange these smaller shapes on the base to create your cubist face. Remember, this project should look a little funky and not realistic at all. Be creative and make your cubist face as quirky and abstract as you like!

- #5: Now decorate the smaller geometric pieces using paint markers or oil pastels. Glue them onto your mask using either a hot glue gun (with parental supervision!), glue dots, or liquid glue.



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