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Wet N' Stick Art Tape Mask

Lesson Development

We used these masks as a part of our "Wild Things" Unit. First we read "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. We followed that with a discussion on what parts of different animals made up the "wild things" in the book. Students then told the class one of their favorite wild things. Each student completed a watercolor illustration of their wild thing, then designed a mask on a paper that they used to create their Wet N' Stick Art Tape Mask.

Practice

Show students a real mask or a photo of one and discuss how it was made. Have students draw the shape of a balloon, then turn it into a mask by adding parts such as eyes, noses, horns, or ears. This sketch will be used as a reference for their masks.

Steps

1. Sketch the shape of a balloon then add any appendages or parts to make it into your wild thing.
2. Blow up your balloon and tie it
3. Add any appendages (ears, mouth, eyes, spikes, teeth)
4. Cover your whole balloon and appendages in Wet N' Stick Art Tape and let it dry.
5. Cut the bottom of the mask for the neck and cut a line up the back of it so it will fit on your head.
6. Put the mask on and touch where your eyes are and have someone make a mark in pencil where you think your eyes are. Cut small holes out for your eyes, make sure they are in the right spot, then cut the holes larger or leave them small.
7. Decorate your mask
8. Let it dry.