Paper Mache' Ideas and Vocabulary!



Vocabulary

Paper Mache' In French... means "Chewed Paper" A type of art sculpture that is made from torn paper and paste.

Adhesive The glue or paste that is used to stick the paper strips together.

Gesso

A thick white acrylic paint that acts as a base layer before using colored paints.

Consistency The thickness or thinness of a liquid. For Paper Mache' you want thin oatmeal like constancy.

Support Structure

The structure to which the Paper Mache' is applied. Including things like balloons, Cardboard, Wire and formed paper.

Layering

A method for creating a *Paper Mache'* sculpture that involves layers of paper.

The way you lay the strips of paper in **Paper Mache'** includes vertical and horizontal layers of paper. Creature Planning: Write a sentence or more for each of the 4 questions to tell me about your creature. Then draw it with details.

What does it look like?

- How many eyes, noses, hands, legs, tails etc. does it have?
- What kind of fur, scales, skin does it have?
- Does it fly, walk, swim or slither?

How does it live?

- Where does it get it's food? What does it eat?
- Does it live in a family or alone?
- Does it stay in one place or travel?

Where does it come from?

- Does it live in a cold or warm climate?
- Does it live in the sky, land or water?
- What kind of home does it need?

Is it Prey or Predator?

- Will it use camouflage of colors and textures to hide from predators?
- Will it have spikes or poisons to protect or fight?
- What does it hunt or scavenge?

Creature Building:

What will you use to build your creature?

Boxes

- Square shaped bodies or heads
- Large sturdy feet

Plastic bags stuffed with paper

 Round or oval shaped bodies and heads

Flat Cardboard

 Cut to any shape for ears, beaks, wings, scales, spikes, toes, feet, hands/paws

Large Flat plastic lids or trays

- "land" stand to connect legs to for support
- Faces or tummy
- Support for the body

Cups, soda cans, water bottles and Cardboard Tubes

• Necks, legs, arms

Chopsticks

 Support to strengthen legs or necks

Attachments: How to make things stay together?



Foil wrapped around joints and limbs for long thin and wiggly areas. (frog legs)

Masking Tape to attach one limb or part to another.



Attachments: How to make things stay together?



"Flange" cut and fold out ends of a roll to tape to something flat **Notches** cut notches in flat cardboard areas to connect together.



Attachments: How to make things stay together?



"TABS" cut and fold out "feet" for attaching and support to something else

L-Brace bend a more sturdy piece of cardboard to brace something else

