"Symmetrical Paper Masks"

**Step 1: Prepare**
Watch the entire video Maskmaking with Paper by Peggy Flores. This gives students a larger view of the project they will be doing.

**Step 2: Create Mask Shape**
Students will fold a 12x18 sheet of colored construction paper in half and cut out a symmetrical oval.

Students will cut slits at the top and bottom so that when they fold one piece over the other, the mask will become 3D. Peggy introduces this step at the beginning, but I had students wait until the end so they could work flat while adding details.

**Step 3: Add Details and Hair**
Have students add details one at a time, making sure they are symmetrical. The nose and lips tend to be the trickiest. It’s rewarding for students to work through learning to fold and cut symmetrical shapes.

There are many ways to add hair. Watch the video for inspiration, but give students freedom.

**Tip:** Allow students creative freedom wherever possible during this lesson. The results will be fantastic!

**Tip:** Allow plenty of time for this lesson. Remind students if they don’t watch, they won’t get it. It really forces them to pay attention and sharpens their listening skills. That said, you still may need to rewind a few times.

**Objective:** Create a symmetrical, 3D mask out of paper.

**Materials**
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- White Glue

**Motivation**
- Discuss symmetry.
- Show Maskmaking with Paper. It’s a blast from the past, but students LOVE it! Have students watch clips of the video, stop, then complete the step they just watched on their own masks.
- It’s great for students to get instruction from someone other than you. Peggy is an art ed rockstar!

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