

“In Your Imagination”



Module 5, Monster Mask

Prompt:

If you were a monster, what kind would you be? What would your face look like – scary, silly, happy, confused?

In this activity, use art supplies to design a monster mask that expresses your monster’s personality!

Materials:

- Cardboard
- A dowel or a tongue depressor
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Duct tape
- Glue stick
- Colorful scrap paper
- Scissors
- Yarn or string

Instructions:

1. Read the prompt with your child to help get them thinking about their design.
2. Help your child decide what shape they want their monster mask to be. Draw this shape on the cardboard and cut it out (kids might need adult help with this).
3. Attach the dowel or tongue depressor with duct tape to the backside of the mask so that it hangs off of the bottom edge (see images below under “Resources”). This creates a handle your child can use to hold up their mask.
4. Show them the materials they have to work with. Encourage your child to cut up pieces of colorful paper to use as details on their mask (eyes, mouth, fangs, etc.). They can also use drawing supplies to add details.
5. Encourage your child to think about the monster’s hair, how many eyes it has, and if it has any special features.

6. Give your child plenty of time to work.
7. Encourage your child to repeat steps 1-6 to create a different monster mask with a new personality!

Resources:

Completed mask examples from the back (L) and front (R)



Extensions:

If your child needs more challenges to go along with this activity:

- Turn on some music (Monster Mash, anyone?!), and invite your child to dance in the style of their monster.
- Ask your child to tell you the story behind their monster.
 - Write down the story together. Are there any other important characters? Encourage your child to make masks of those monsters' faces too.
 - Ask them to illustrate a few pages of their monster's story.
- Get out some dress-up clothes and invite your child to complete their monster's outfit.
- Invite your child to put on a play with their monster mask(s).

Together with your child, go to the "In your Imagination" topic on Flipgrid and share their monster mask - or their story or play.

