

Home Makes: History Through Craft

This activity is perfect for Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 students aged 7 -13 with the help of an adult.

If you could live at any time in history, when would it be? Choose a person from history and make something they might have worn - it could be a piece of jewellery, shield, crown or even a beard!

Use the moodboard to inspire your work and think about the materials that the people would have used in the past - what can you use to imitate them?



Materials:

You can use any recycled materials that you can find around the house for this activity, this could include:

- Cardboard
- Cereal packs
- Plastic food packaging
- Food labels from tins or cartons
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Leaflets
- Envelopes
- Plain or lined paper
- Newspaper
- Coloured card
- Tissue paper
- Napkins or kitchen roll
- Thread / yarn / wool or string

Equipment:

- Glue or sticky tape
- Scissors
- Coloured pens, pencils, crayons or paints
- Stapler

You'll learn about:

How people in the past looked and dressed; creating a design based on your research; 3D making skills

Time:

This activity can take from 30 minutes to two hours.

It has been broken down into two halves—you can split it over two days or do it all in one go if you're really having fun!

Part One: design your ideas

- Use the moodboard to pick a time in history or a person from history that you're interested in, or choose one of your own
- If you have access to the internet, research what people wore during that time in history
- Design three different things that person might wear - it could be a hat, shoe, helmet, necklace, headdress, ruff or anything else you can think of

Talk and Make

- What would it feel like to wear these things? Would they be comfy?
- What do these pieces of clothing tell you about the people who wore them?
- What recycled materials could you use to make your designs?

Part Two: make your collage

- Time to pick one of your designs and to make it!
- Start by drawing an outline of your design onto card or cardboard and cutting it out
- Think about how you'll wear it—measure it to make sure it fits!
- Add texture and colour to your work by cutting smaller pieces of card and sticking them onto your original shape. These could add decoration.
- What would happen if you stuck different materials to your work? You could experiment with foil, yarn and tissue paper.

Talk and Make

- How big are you going to make your work?
- What decoration and detail are you going to add?
- What can you use to add colour and texture?

Tips for adults:

- If you don't have colourful paper or card you can add colour using pens, pencils or crayons
- It doesn't matter if children's shapes are a bit wonky—they are experimenting and learning to use new tools. If you want to, cut a guide from thicker card and draw round it to make more accurate shapes.
- Add in some maths skills by using rulers to make sure measurements are accurate
- Encourage children to start by cutting out the biggest shape first. They can then add detail using different materials.
- Children can use lots of different materials and techniques on the same piece. Think about scrunching up paper, cutting out and layering different shapes and adding paint.
- Don't worry if it doesn't look like what they designed, it's about discovering different ways to explore history and making.



Gather all of your materials and equipment together.



Start by designing different types of historical dress.



Using a ruler and a pencil measure and draw out the pieces you need.



Using scissors cut out your pieces.



Using glue, sticky tape or a stapler start to assemble your piece of historical dress



Cut out any details or shapes, like eye holes.



Cover the cardboard with materials such as plastic, tin foil or coloured paper or card.



Add on any final pieces of decoration!

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