

## Make a Greek Mask



### Background:

Actors in Greek theatre wore masks to depict different characters and emotions. Very few of these masks survive though many images can be found on pottery and sculptures.

### Materials:

- Large white paper plates
- Markers
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Elastic OR popsicle sticks

### Instructions:

1. To make your own Greek mask first draw and cut out a large dinner plate-sized circle from cardboard.
2. Mark eyes and mouth on the cardboard, and carefully cut these out. Decorate as desired.
3. We used strips of colored construction paper for hair and beard. Cut thin strips, roll round pencil to give curly effect, and glue to mask.
4. Finally, either punch a hole on both sides of the mask and attach elastic so the mask can be worn, or tape a large popsicle stick or paint stirrer to the back of the mask and use as a handle to enable the mask to be held in front of your face.

5. OPTIONAL: If you position the smile in the middle of the mask, you can make it double-sided. The front can be a smiley face mask, and the back can be a frowny face mask. Very Greek!

**Website source:**

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/make\\_a\\_greek\\_mask.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/make_a_greek_mask.htm)