

Make a West Indian Carnival Headdress



The islands of Trinidad and Tobago are known for their spectacular Carnival celebration. The most important and anticipated Carnival event is the *mas* parade. *Mas* is short for masquerade. A masquerade is when people dress-up in fancy masks and costumes and dance. Have a carnival of your own any day of the year and learn how to make a fantastic *mas* headdress.

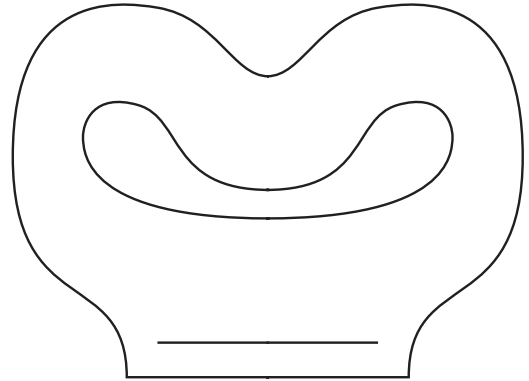
Materials

- large sheet (about 11"X17") of cardstock or oak tag
- paint

- sequins, feathers, raffia, ribbon
- tissue paper
- glue

Instructions

1. Draw a large image of the *mas* template below. Make sure it is large enough to wrap around your head. Cut it out.



2. Decorate the image with paint, sequins, feather, raffia, ribbon, and tissue paper. Carnival *mas* costumes are very elaborate, so the more color, the better.
3. When finished, cut a slit an inch from the bottom for your head to make a strap to wear as a headdress or mask.