

Crafty Ideas: **Aztec Masks**

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A collection of Aztec masks

You will need:

- Clay and modeling tools
- Fimo
- Rolling pins
- Broken shells
- Paints and paintbrushes
- Varnish

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Use

Ideal for use as part of project work on the Aztecs.

Make

- ➔ Ask children to look at examples of Aztec masks for inspiration. See if they can discover what the masks that they are looking at depict, and encourage them to look at the colours, patterns and shapes of the mosaic work.
- ➔ Children can then start to develop their own designs, sketching them out on paper before starting to work in clay.
- ➔ When the designs are ready, roll out the Fimo and cut it into small squares. Bake the Fimo in the oven, following the instructions on the packet.
- ➔ Model a facemask in clay, adding a nose and cutting out holes for the eyes. Add white Fimo squares or use pieces of broken shell for the teeth.
- ➔ Use the small coloured Fimo squares to decorate the mask and leave it to harden.
- ➔ Paint the mask in vibrant colours and varnish when it is dry.

Tip

As an alternative to Fimo use small coloured stones sold in pet shops to go on the bottom of fish tanks! Embed these stones into the clay mask.

Display

Display the masks on tabletops or shelves against a gold background.