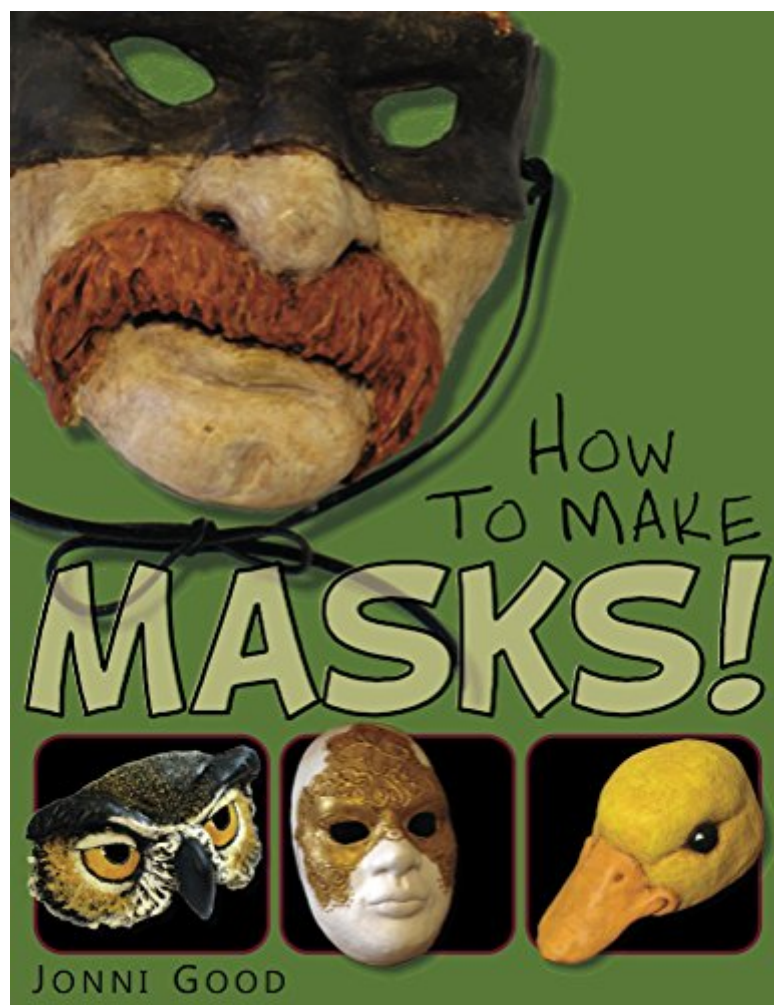


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# How To Make Masks: Easy New Way To Make A Mask For Masquerade, Halloween And Dress-Up Fun, With Just Two Layers Of Fast-Setting Paper Mache





## Synopsis

Learn how to make paper mache masks easily and quickly with these new techniques and over 300 step-by-step photos. Make one of the 12 popular mask styles in the book. Once you learn these methods, you can use them to create your own unique designs for a play, Halloween, Mardi Gras - or just for fun. Start out with a simple mask form and oil-based clay, and sculpt the features of your masks. The author shows you how. Then cover your sculpture with just two layers of super-strong, fast-setting paper mache, using the recipes included in the book. The clay can be used over and over again, and each mask you make will be a one-of-a-kind original. When the paper mache is dry, use an easy painting method to make your sculpted mask look like it's made out of fur or feathers, antique gold, ancient bone, rusted iron, glazed porcelain, or carved and highly polished wood. The innovative methods in this book are easy, the materials cost just pennies per mask, and your new creations will be even more fun to make than they are to wear. This book takes the art of paper mache masks to a whole new level. Middle school students can make a mask using the ideas in the book. The book has also been used as a starting point for many amateur theater groups, by high school drama classes, and by adults of all ages looking for a new craft or hobby.

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## Customer Reviews

A very good book! I would like to note that I have created a slight tweak to the overall technique that massively reinforces the mask: First allow the mask to very thoroughly dry. This is important. Then, dilute some PVA glue, until it's about the thickness of cream. Get some paper strips, like you would for regular paper mache, but use a tough, medium to heavy weight paper, such as from paper grocery bags. Moisten the paper VERY lightly, run between your fingers to remove any excess water. Then dip in the glue and run the piece of paper between your fingers to remove excess glue. Very carefully line the interior of the mask with a couple of layers of these strips. You want the mask to be VERY dry, because if it is still wet when you do this, the dampness from the new paper strips might make it deform. I've made two masks with these extra layers of paper, and they're incredibly resilient. One of them was a test mask, and I dropped it, and sorta roughed it up to see what kind of abuse it could take. It is still completely intact. I think I would need to put it under a car tire or use a large hammer and considerable force to break it. The sturdiness of it is comparable to if I had made it out of hardwood. I believe this technique would allow for some even more complex sculptures, too! If you're hesitant to buy this book, it's absolutely worth the small price asked. :)

Jonni is the go to person for all things paper mache related. I don't make masks but I bought this book 1)to support this generous artist who so graciously shares her experience online at [ultimatepapermache.com](http://ultimatepapermache.com) and 2) I wanted to have the step outs and recipes in my studio as I was creating. I have tweaked the recipes to suite my needs but truly appreciate having her wealth of experience right by my side as I am working in the studio. My book is messy now but that just shows how much I have used it. Thank you Jonni!!!

Recently I searched mask-making and came across a YouTube tutorial posted by Jonni Good. She was so thorough and made her techniques look so easy; I couldn't wait for her to post the next segment of the process. After watching all three YouTube posts on her Panalone mask, I bought this book. Great recipes for gesso and paste that are [super easy and inexpensive](#). The author's explanations in the book are as concise and understandable as her tutorial videos - really, really good stuff! Lots of great photos. I recommend this book for paper mache artists at any level. I have some experience with mask-making, paper mache and the history of

comedia del arte and I found this book to be a very worthwhile investment. Aside: Jonni Good seems to be a real animal lover. Her cat is singing (meowing) away in one of the video tutorials. Pretty funny.

Required to make multiple masks based on cultural and historical examples for college art class. Total novice who never did anything like this previously. Art class provided zero insights on any techniques. This book and associated on-line tutorials did the trick with two full-face masks rated best in class. Recommend it to anyone.

Useful reference for making paper mache masks. Much of the info is available online, but this puts it all in one spot and gives excellent step by step tutorials as well as multiple recipes and handy tips to avoid common mistakes only an expert would know. Very pleased. I only used the first couple chapters, but the tutorials for the various masks provided helpful in forming my own design.

I never made a mask before. My grandson wanted to be a pteranodon for Halloween and I wanted to make a hat in the shape of the top half of the dinosaur head rather than the heads they were selling that sat on top of the child's head and looked like an extra head. It turned out really well. Once you get the technique, you can use your imagination and create your own ideas.

This is a great book!!!! I've been making paper mache for decades! Has good suggestions and great pictures. My only complaint is that when you get the book on a shelf, there is no tittle on the side of the book?

The book came quickly and was well packaged. The author explains and demonstrates how to make a model for the masks and then shows how to make a dozen different masks. I'm a real beginner in this area and I have a Halloween party featuring masks that I'm going to this fall. I think I can come up with something pretty good using the directions and techniques in this book. I like the book a lot and might even take up mask making as a hobby. This book is that interesting.

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